

Weakley County Board of Education



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2 Boards of education in counties in which the pregnancy rates exceed 19.5 pregnancies per 1,000
3 females ages fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) shall devise, adopt and implement a program of
4 family life education according to the guidelines established by the State Board of Education.¹

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6 A parent who chooses not to have a student participate in the family life education program shall
7 submit such request in writing to the Director of Schools. A student who is excused from family
8 life instruction shall be assigned alternative activities and shall not be penalized academically.

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10 Prior to implementing the family life education curriculum, the Board shall conduct at least one
11 (1) public hearing at which the plan will be explained and parents and community members shall
12 be given the opportunity to express their opinions.

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14 The goals of instruction for the family life education program shall be to:
15 1. Provide accurate information about human reproduction, including conception, birth, and
16 prenatal care, with specific emphasis on the family unit and the responsibilities and
17 consequences relating to sexual activity;
18 2. Adapt this information to the age and grade level of students;
19 3. Promote, encourage and increase communication between parents and students;
20 4. Increase decision-making skills;
21 5. Offer information that will help students act responsibly; and
22 6. Enhance and develop the student's self-esteem.

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24 Within these goals and at appropriate age and grade levels, the information presented will
25 include:
26 1. Anatomy, physiology, and psychology of adolescence and sexual growth;
27 2. Marriage and responsibilities of family life;
28 3. Responsibilities of parents and child care;
29 4. Legal aspects of sexual conduct;
30 5. Self-respect, self-control, and individual differences among people;
31 6. Community resources; and
32 7. Pregnancy and childbirth.

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34 Instruction on family life education shall emphasize that abstinence from sexual relations is the
35 only method of protection that is 100% effective.

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37 Personnel involved in instruction regarding human sexuality will conduct such instruction with
38 maturity and discretion. Personnel providing family life instruction shall receive in-service
39 training prior to presenting such instruction.

Legal Reference:

¹ TCA 49-6-1302

Cross References:

4.800 Controversial Issues
4.801 Controversial Methods