

Dickson County Board of Education

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		Rescinds: New	Issued:

1 *General*

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3 A family life education program shall be implemented within the school district in compliance with state
4 law.¹

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

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10 **FAMILY LIFE INSTRUCTION**

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12 The curriculum for the family life education program shall, in a manner that is age-appropriate and
13 factually and medically accurate, include the following:²

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- 15 Teach the skills needed to make healthy decisions in all aspects of marriage and family life;
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- 17 Encourage sexual health by helping students understand how the whole person is affected by
18 sexual activity as well as other risk behaviors;
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- 20 Provide information about human reproduction, including conception, birth, and prenatal care,
21 as well as the process of adoption and its benefits;
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- 23 Provide information on the family unit and the responsibilities and consequences related to sexual
24 activity, including the challenges of single teen parenting;
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- 26 Promote only sexual risk avoidance through abstinence and the positive results of avoiding sexual
27 activity;
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- 29 Provide instruction on the detection, intervention, prevention, and treatment of child sexual
30 abuse, including such abuse that may occur in the home, and human trafficking in which a victim
31 is the child;
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- 33 Provide instruction on the prevention of dating violence;
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- 35 Encourage communication between parent(s)/guardian(s) and students; and

¹ TCA 49-6-1302: Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 290

² TCA 49-6-1304

1 Address the legal aspects of sexual activity with emphasis on the rights of the student.

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3 The family life education program shall be reviewed annually to ensure that the prohibited items of
4 instruction, as provided for in state law,³ are not included in the curriculum.

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6 **TRAINING ON INSTRUCTION**

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8 Personnel providing family life instruction shall receive training prior to presenting such instruction.

9 Personnel shall conduct such instruction with maturity and discretion.

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³ TCA 49-6-1304(b)