

District Policy & Regulations

BOARD OF EDUCATION COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Education directs that students receive instruction in human growth and development, consistent with State law, to include the following:

- A. self-esteem, responsible decision-making, and personal relationships;
- B. interpersonal relationship;
- C. discouragement of adolescent sexual activity;
- D. family life and skills required of a parent;
- E. human sexuality, reproduction, contraception, including natural family planning, the recognition, prevention, and treatment of noncasual-contact communicable diseases such as venereal diseases, HBV, and HIV; pre-natal development, childbirth, adoption, available pre-natal and post-natal support, and male responsibility;
- F. sex stereotypes and protective behavior.

No student may be required to take instruction in these subjects if his/her parent files with the teacher a written objection. Such student may not be required to be examined in the subjects and may not be penalized in any way for not taking such instruction. If the subjects receive credit toward graduation, the Board may require the student to complete an alternative assignment that is similar to the subjects in length of time.

A citizens' advisory committee shall be established, in accordance with State law, in order to ensure the effective participation of staff, parents and health-care professionals and others in the design and implementation of this program area.

Upon request, the District shall provide parents with an outline of the human growth and development program used in their child's grade level as well as information regarding how the parent may inspect the complete program and instructional materials. Prior to use in the classroom, the program shall be made available to parents for inspection.

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