

The following is an overview of the Family Life Education Program Curriculum outline that is in compliance with New Jersey law and regulation and has been in place from 1969 to present.

Upon request, parents/guardians will be given an opportunity to preview films and materials before they are used in the classroom. Call your building Principal for information.

## **FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM CURRICULUM OUTLINE GRADE 8**

### **TOPIC/CONCEPTS**

#### **FIGHTING AGAINST DISEASE**

- A. Causes of Communicable and Non-Communicable diseases.
- B. AIDS/HIV
- C. Causes, symptoms and treatment of some of the common communicable respiratory diseases.
- D. Health practices that help prevent and control disease.

#### **CHOICES ABOUT PARENTHOOD**

- A. Consequences of Teenage Pregnancy
- B. Abstinence
- C. Methods of Contraception

#### **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES**

- A. Avoiding Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- B. Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases

#### **DRUG EDUCATION**

- A. Harmful Effects of Drugs including Alcohol, Tobacco, Hallucinogens, Marijuana, Cocaine, Inhalants and Steroids
- B. Harmful Effects of Look-Alike Drugs
- C. Safe, Legal and Appropriate Party Activities
- D. Hazards of Drugs While Driving
- E. Hazards of Drugs During Pregnancy
- F. Chemical Dependency

### **PROVISION FOR EXCUSING STUDENTS**

Section (i) of the Code states the following:

Any pupil, whose parent or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in Family Life Education is in conflict with his/her conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs, shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom. (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.6 et.seq.)

Parents or guardians who wish to excuse their child(ren) from any part of the Family Life Education Program should contact their building Principal. An excuse form will be provided for parental signature.

Any questions concerning the Family Life Education Program should be directed to the building Principal.

## NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

In compliance with Article 6:29-4.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Hopatcong Borough School District has instituted a Family Life Education Program. This program is essentially a continuation of the Human Development Program originally initiated in this district in 1969.

With respect to parental notification, Section b (1) of the Code states the following:  
The parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the district shall receive annually an outline of the curriculum and a list of instructional materials for the grade of their child including notification about how to receive a copy of the curriculum. The district shall make available for review in each school the complete curriculum and all instructional materials shall be made available for their review.

Each of the items stated in the Code shall be provided as shown below:

CURRICULUM OUTLINE: See reverse side.  
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS LIST: See reverse side.  
COPY OF CURRICULUM: Available in building. Call Principal.

AVAILABILITY OF COMPLETE CURRICULUM AND ALL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS  
PRIOR TO USE: Available in building. Call Principal.