

POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

Family Life Education

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Family Life Curriculum

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that family life curricula should adequately prepare adolescents to deal with their emerging sexuality in order to reduce the rate of adolescent pregnancy in this state, and that pregnancy prevention is targeted at adolescent boys and girls.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that, while abstinence is the only method of insuring 100 percent prevention from pregnancy and infection from sexually transmitted diseases, the ultimate content of the Family Life curricula should remain a local board decision in consultation with the district's Family Life Education advisory council. *[Authority: DA 6/89-CR (Early Childhood Education), BD 4/95; DA 11/97-SR, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]*

Teacher Certification

The NJSBA believes that holders of any endorsement that requires training in areas related to family life education, such as certified school nurse, pupil personnel services, school social worker, and substance abuse coordinator should be authorized to teach the family life education curriculum. *[Authority: DA 12/88-8; DA 11/97-SR, DA 11/02-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]*

Cross References:

4112.2	Certification
6140	Curriculum adoption
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