



Union County Educational Services Commission

Family Life Permission Form: 2017 – 2018 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The teaching of the Family Life Education curriculum will be conducted in a pragmatic manner and will include significant aspects of health, hygiene, and socialization. Sex education will be presented in collaboration with the school nurse. In addition, topics of emotions, responsibilities, and consequences of behaviors will be addressed as integral features of family life education. Careful consideration of each student's readiness for learning specific topics will be made in this instructional area, as it would for reading or math. Thus many objectives for sex education, drug education and hazards of smoking and alcohol, while essential, will be taught primarily to students in the adolescent developmental age range.

The curriculum includes the following components:

- Relationships
- Communication Skills
- Biological Facts
- Attitudes and Values
- Female and Male Roles
- Feelings, Expression and Control
- Decisions and Behavior

The time allotted to the teaching of family life, including sex education, will vary according to developmental age. In the early and middle childhood years, instruction in this area may be integrated with such curriculum areas as science, health, social studies, language arts, and activities of daily living. Beginning with age 10, more direct teaching may be initiated. By adolescence, students will receive instruction designed to accomplish family life objectives.

Several broad areas need to be addressed at all developmental age levels as noted below:

- Self-Actualization – the ability to understand feelings; realizing one's potential; enjoying life without hurting others.
- Interpersonal Communication
- Relationship Development – manners, personality, and satisfaction needs
- Anatomy, Physiology, Reproduction
- Health Concern

The following areas are addressed according to the adolescent's developmental age level:

- Human sexual feelings
- Varieties of sexual expression
- Non-acceptable sexual expression

It is the Union County Educational Services Commission's policy that any child whose parent or guardian is in conflict with any part of the instruction in Family Life Education, will be excused from that part of the program. Please complete the Family Life Education permission form and return it to school with your child. If you have any questions, kindly contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Principal

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I give permission for my child to attend Family Life Education lessons in the subject matters described above.

Please excuse my child from the following areas of the Family Life Education curriculum as I have noted below:

Student's Name

School/Program

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.