

**Darien Public Schools  
Darien, Connecticut**

**POLICY**

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**Series 6300**

**Curriculum Design – Basic and Special Instructional Program**

**Policy 6330**

**Family Life Education and Instruction on  
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)**

The purpose of family life education is to help students acquire factual knowledge, attitudes and values that will result in behavior that contributes to the well-being of the individual, the family and society. Family life education may include, but is not limited to, family planning, human sexuality, parenting, nutrition, and the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic and social aspects of family life. Family life education shall be in addition to - and not a substitute for - health and other required curriculum components.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 10-19(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the policy of the Board of Education to provide, during the regular school day, planned, ongoing and systematic instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The Superintendent of Schools shall develop procedures concerning the exemption of pupils from such instruction upon the written request of the pupil's parent or guardian.

Because of the sensitive nature of such programs, the parent or guardian of each student will be notified prior to the commencement of the instructional program. Instructional materials to be used in the program shall be available for inspection by the parent or guardian during school hours. Opportunity shall be provided for all parents to consult with the principal regarding their child's attendance in certain sections of the course. Parents who do not wish for their children to participate in family life education must provide written notification to the Principal or his/her designee to exempt their children from such courses.

Teachers who provide instruction in family life education programs will have professional preparation in the subject area, either at the pre-service or in-service level.

**Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes, section 10-16c

Connecticut General Statutes §10-19(b).

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