

TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY
Sex Education

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The Terrell County Board of Education believes that the purpose of educational programs dealing with sex education and family life is to help students acquire factual knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values that contribute to the well-being of the individual, the family, and society.

Helping students attain a mature and responsible attitude toward human sexuality is a continuous task of every generation. Parents have the prime responsibility to assist their children in developing moral values. The schools should support and supplement parents' efforts in these areas by offering students factual information and opportunities to discuss concerns, issues, and attitudes inherent in sexual behavior and family life, especially including traditional moral values.

The Terrell County School System shall include in its comprehensive health curriculum a program of study that includes information and concepts in sex education/AIDS education. The program of study shall be consistent with the provisions of state law and rules of the Georgia Board of Education, including an emphasis on "abstinence" and fidelity in marriage as the most effective means of preventing disease and unwanted pregnancy.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures that allow parents and legal guardians to exercise the option of excluding their child from sex education and AIDS prevention instructional programs. Such procedures shall provide that, prior to making a choice to allow the child to participate in the unit of instruction, a parent or legal guardian shall be told what instruction is to be included in the program and have an opportunity to review all instructional materials to be used, print and non-print.

The Board of Education shall appoint a committee to review periodically sex/AIDS education instructional materials and make recommendations concerning age/grade level use. Recommendations made by the committee may be approved, rejected, or modified by the Board of Education. The committee shall be composed primarily of non-teaching parents who have children enrolled in the public schools and who represent the diversity of the students enrolled in the schools, and augmented by professional educators, health professionals, and community representatives. The committee shall also include a male and female student currently attending the 11th or 12th grade in the public schools.