

The Kannapolis City Board of Education is committed to a sound, thorough school health education program that provided students with accurate information and encourages them to be responsible for their own health and behavior. The Board recognizes the primary role of parents/guardians in providing for the health and well-being of their children and seeks to involve parents/guardians in the schools as provided in this policy. The comprehensive health education program provided by the school district will meet will requirements established by state and federal law, including the Basic Education Program, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-81(e1). Further, the Board will follow the North Carolina Standard Course of Study for Healthful Living Education.

The Board's comprehensive health education program will encompass all major aspects of healthful living for students from kindergarten through ninth grade. As required by law, the health education program must include age-appropriate instruction on bicycle safety, nutrition, dental health, environmental health, family living, consumer health, disease control, growth and development, first aid and emergency care, mental and emotional health, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including HIV/AIDs and other communicable diseases, and reproductive health and safety education.

As required by law and beginning in 7th grade, reproductive health and safety education will include age-appropriate instruction on sexual abstinence until marriage, STDs, the human reproductive system, effective contraceptive methods for preventing pregnancy, and awareness of sexual assault and sexual abuse.

Each year before students participate in the study of reproductive health and safety education or in other separate instruction on the prevention of STDs, including HIV/AIDs, or the avoidance of out-of-wedlock pregnancy, the principal or designee shall notify parents of the opportunity to review the materials and objectives that will be used in instruction. A copy of all objectives and materials will be available for review at the school district's central office.

The principal or designee shall also notify parents of the right to withhold or withdraw consent for their child's participation in all reproductive health and safety education instruction or in specific topics such as STDs, the effectiveness and safety of contraceptive methods, and awareness of sexual assault and sexual abuse. Parents may also withhold consent to student participation in other separate instruction on the prevention of STDs, including HIV/AIDs, or the avoidance of out-of-wedlock pregnancy. Any parent wishing to withhold consent must do so in writing to the principal.

For reproductive health and safety education, teachers shall follow the instructional objectives and only use age-appropriate materials that have been made available to parents for review in accordance with this policy. Information conveyed during instruction will be objective and based upon scientific research that is peer reviewed

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and accepted by professionals and credentialed experts in the field of sexual health education.

A determination of what will be appropriate education for any student with identified exceptionalities will be made in accordance with the student's individualized education plan, following all procedures as provided in the North Carolina Procedures Governing Programs and Special Services for Children with Special Needs.

Contraceptives shall not be made available or distributed on school property. Further, the Kannapolis Board of Education and its employees shall not provide information to students about where to obtain contraceptives or abortion referral services, unless consent is given by the parent/guardian in person.

School personnel shall annually provide all students in Grades 9-12 information on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500.

Legal References: N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-36, Art. 9, -81(e1), 143 Art. 33
Procedures Governing Programs and Services for Children With
Special Needs; State Board Policy Number 10A100.

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