

Bartlett City Board of Education		4019
Descriptor Term: FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION	Descriptor Code: Instructional Services	Issue Date: 10/28/2021
	Rescinds:	Revised: 07/25/2024

1 A family life education program shall be implemented in compliance with state law and in
2 conformance with the curriculum guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education.¹ Family life
3 education means an abstinence-centered sex education program that builds a foundation of
4 knowledge and skills relating to character development, human development, decision making,
5 abstinence, contraception, and disease prevention.²

6 The Bartlett City Schools family life education program shall follow the family life curriculum
7 adopted by the State Board of Education. Each September, the district shall hold one (1) public
8 hearing to advise parents and the public of the program and provide an opportunity for public
9 response.³ Instructors shall only teach the curriculum as adopted by the local Board of Education.

10 Parents/guardians shall annually be given an opportunity to opt-out their student from the family
11 life education program. A parent/guardian who wishes to excuse a student from the family life
12 education program will submit such request in writing to the principal. A student who is excused
13 from the program shall be assigned alternative health activities and shall not be penalized
14 academically if the student satisfactorily performs such alternative lessons.⁴

15 REPORTING⁵

16 At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent shall provide the contact information to
17 the Department of Children’s Services of each employee or trained professional providing
18 instruction on family life curriculum related to child sex abuse, human trafficking, and internet
19 crimes. The Superintendent shall also report on the curriculum selected by the Board of
20 Education.

¹ T.C.A. §49-6-1302

² T.C.A. §49-6-1301

³ T.C.A. §49-6-1302

⁴ T.C.A. §49-6-1305

⁵ T.C.A. §49-6-1601(g); T.C.A. §49-6-1304