

The Pickens County School System shall include in its comprehensive health curriculum a program of study that includes the information and concepts in sex education/AIDS education. The program of study shall include an emphasis on abstinence and fidelity in marriage as the most effective means of preventing disease and unwanted pregnancy.

In addition to the requirements listed below, the customary policies and regulations concerning the approval of new curriculum materials shall apply to any course(s) dealing with family life and sex education offered by the school system. Prior to making a choice to allow the child to participate in the unit instruction:

1. A parent or legal guardian shall be told what instruction is to be included in the program.
2. A parent or legal guardian shall have an opportunity to review and to inspect all instructional materials to be used.
3. After parental review and inspection of materials and a conference with the instructor and principal, a parent may request in writing that the student not participate in the course or in a given aspect of the course, and an alternate educational assignment shall be arranged for the student with the approval of the principal.

The Board of Education shall appoint a committee to review sex/AIDS education instructional materials and make recommendations concerning age/grade level use. Recommendation made by the committee may be approved, rejected, or modified by the Board of Education. The committee should be composed primarily of non-teaching parents who have children enrolled in the LEA's schools. The parent group should be augmented by others such as educators, health professionals and other community representatives. The committee should also include a male and female student currently attending the 11th and 12th grade in the public schools.

The Superintendent shall provide for separation of classes by sex as considered appropriate for the material being taught.