

Helix School District 1R

Code: **IGAH**
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Orig. Code(s): None

Family Life and Sex Education

The Helix School District #1-R will provide age-appropriate instruction regarding Family Life and Sex Education for students in grades K-12. The superintendent/principal and staff are authorized to develop this curriculum in cooperation with development, evaluation and revisions to Family Life and Sex Education Curriculum.

1. The primary aim of the program should be to develop moral attitudes and behavior based on sound knowledge with a view to helping children live harmoniously with their present families and to prepare them to establish healthy and congenial families of their own.
2. The program should be based on an interdisciplinary approach. Primary responsibility should be in the health instruction program, but most school subjects should contribute to family life education objectives. Literature, music, art, the social sciences and home economics especially offer such opportunities.
3. The school, in handling controversial issues in family life and sex education, should be mindful of the varying moral, ethical and religious beliefs of students and their parents. Should students raise questions which teachers feel are inappropriate for class discussion, teachers should not hesitate about referring students to appropriate sources.
4. The program should be based on policies and understandings that have Board approval and general community acceptance.
5. The program should reinforce and not replace home responsibility and instruction.
6. Administration and teachers should be aware and considerate of student individual differences resulting from home instruction and varying moral, ethical, and religious beliefs of students and their parents.
7. Instructional content and activities should encompass the total complex of attitudes, values, social and economic consideration, health knowledge and biological facts associated with family life.
8. The biological aspects of family life education should be treated in a forthright, wholesome and dignified manner.
9. Learning materials should be professionally prepared and reflect good taste. They should be carefully selected and used on the basis of acceptable criteria approved by the Board upon recommendation of the site committee.
10. The family life program should be carefully sequenced with appropriate learning planned for each grade level, kindergarten through grade 12.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OR 521-22-201](#)

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