CRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

POLICY: FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

A family life education curriculum which will be in compliance with New Jersey administrative code shall provide material suited to each grade level, presented in a manner intended to foster respect for the human body and an understanding of how human sexuality affects personal and family relationships.

The district HIV education must address, at a minimum, the nature, transmission, prevention, and effects of this disease and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD). The program shall be provided through a coordinated sequential elementary and secondary curriculum, taking into consideration the age, growth, development and maturity of the pupils and the subject matter of the course. Development of the program should take into account the instructional needs of all pupils in the district.

The curriculum, developed under the supervision of the Chief School Administrator with the active participation of teachers, administrators, pupils, parents/guardians, physicians, members of the clergy and representative members of the community, shall be available to all parents/guardians. An outline of the curriculum and list of instructional materials for the grades of their children (grades 5-12) shall be sent to parents/guardians annually.

The Chief School Administrator shall ensure that the curriculum developed is articulated to that of the elementary school(s), so that the transition from elementary to secondary approaches to this material will be easy for all pupils.

Any pupil whose parent/guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with their conscience, or moral or religious beliefs, shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given, and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom.

The Board of Education urges all parents/guardians to become familiar with these courses and to participate in their development as provided by the administrative code.

The Cranford Board of Education alone, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, shall approve the content, sequence and materials of family life education.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.6 through -4.8	Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979
N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.3	Quality assurance
N.J.A.C. 6:29-4.2	Family life education program

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (June 1993)

Possible Cross References:

1220	Ad hoc advisory committees
5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
6122	Articulation
6140	Curriculum adoption
6142	Subject fields
6142.13	HIV prevention education
9130	Committees

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