

**Family Life Education**

The Bethany Board of Education recognizes that the purpose of family life education is to help students acquire factual knowledge, attitudes, and values which will contribute to the well being of the individual, the family, and society. Among other things, family life education provides instruction to students on how to effectively discuss problems with family members. Such communication shall include the willingness and ability to listen, accept criticism and respond with openness, frankness and honesty, demonstrating mutual respect and love for other members of the family.

Helping students attain a mature and responsible attitude toward human sexuality is a continuous task of every generation. Parents have the primary responsibility to assist their children in developing moral values. The school should support and supplement parent/guardian efforts in the areas of family life and sex education by offering students factual information and opportunities to discuss concerns, issues, and attitudes inherent in family life and sexual behavior.

The District will comply with federal guidelines concerning age-appropriate sex education.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed of their right in accordance with state statute to exempt the student from the family life and/or AIDS portion of the educational program.

Legal References:      Connecticut General Statutes § 10-16c  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-16d  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-16e  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-16f  
                                 20 U.S.C. § 7906 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

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