



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

Board Policy Statement

6142.10 - Human Growth and Development/Family Life

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Human growth and development, which includes family life education, shall help students acquire knowledge, attitudes and values which will contribute to the well-being of individuals, families and society. An effective education program in this area shall:

- Provide instruction in the growth of the human body, family planning, human sexuality, parenting, and nutrition based on current national health and sexual education standards.
- Include the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic, and social aspects of family life.
- Enable students to discuss family dynamics effectively, including willingness and ability to listen, to accept criticism, and to respond with openness, frankness, and honesty.
- Discuss the need for students to develop and demonstrate mutual respect and love for family members.

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, but schools should support and supplement parental efforts through offering factual information consistent with national health and sexual education standards. Health courses should also provide students opportunities to discuss contemporary issues, and attitudes related to human sexuality and sexual behavior, including traditional moral values and the diversity of family structures that exist within our modern society.