Jackson-Madison County Board of Education

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The Board shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, creed, age, or marital status in its educational programs or activities.

The course of study in the schools shall include those subjects required by the Legislature and Tennessee State Board of Education as follows: reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, English, geography, hygiene, sanitation, music, drawing, black history and culture, physical education, and free enterprise. Specific topics required in the schools include: family life education*, nature of alcoholic drinks, narcotics and smoking of cigarettes and their effect upon the human system; history of Tennessee and its Constitution; history of the United States and its Constitution; displaying of the American flag; highway safety; and defensive driving.[2]

* Family life education shall emphasize abstinence from sexual relations outside of marriage, the right and responsibility of a person to refuse to engage in such relations, basic moral values, as well as the obligations and consequences which arise from intimacy. The program shall also include a component which specifically addresses the nature and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Procedures to provide for the periodic review and evaluation of family life instruction and to provide for periodic public hearings and parental conferences to ensure a high level of community and parental input and support for family life instruction have been established and include the following:

1. At least one (1) public hearing will be conducted each September, for parents to confer with family life instructors, to review resource materials and course content, and to offer comments and suggestions.

2. A materials review committee appointed by the director of schools has been established to provide for the periodic review and evaluation of family life instruction.

Family life education ensures compliance with the following:

Requirements of TCA 49-6-1005(a), TCA 49-6-1303 and TCA 68-1-1205 regarding Family Life Curriculum and any aspect of family planning or contraception in schools.

The Board reserves the right to add additional courses and to amend the content of prescribed courses as experience and the process of curriculum development indicate the desirability of such change.

Legal References:

1. 42 U.S.C. 12101; 34 CFR § 106.34
2. TCA 49-6-1001 through 49-6-1205; TCA 49-6-1301

Cross References:

Student Goals 6.100
Complaints and Grievances 6.305