

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Family Life Education will be included as part of the instructional program in Northampton County Public Schools for students in PK – 12. The program will be taught by the regular classroom teacher, the elementary guidance counselor, the physical education teacher, and the school nurse.

The students in grade 4 will learn about how puberty affects the body. The boys and girls will learn about their bodies. In grade 5, the lessons will teach the boys and girls about puberty changes in the opposite sex and will cover a review of their own. The students in grade 6 will learn about how puberty affects the body. The boys will learn about their body and the girls about their body. Students in grade 6 will become knowledgeable about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS.

All PK – 12 students will learn about child abuse. School programs will teach children how to handle adults who become abusers and how to speak to a trusted adult if abuse has occurred. Materials and objectives to be used with the program are available for parental viewing by contacting the school administration. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have questions concerning the program.

Parents or guardians who wish to remove their child/children from the family life instruction may do so by writing a letter addressed to the school's principal by the end of the first week of school. Once notification is received, the student will be removed from instruction during the current academic year only. Parents must notify the school each year if they intend to opt students out of the program. Students opting out of the program will remain actively engaged in instruction in other academic areas. If a parent opts a child out of the Family Life Education Program, they should let the child know they have been opted out of the program, explain why, and provide the family life information at home.

A permission slip to participate in Family Life Education will be sent home with all students in 4th-6th grades one week prior to the class. This slip should be returned to the school clinic with the parent or guardians' choice for their student to yes, attend or no, opt-out be clearly checked, signed, and dated. If the slip is not returned by the morning of the class permission will be assumed yes and the student will view the material for Family Life Education.