



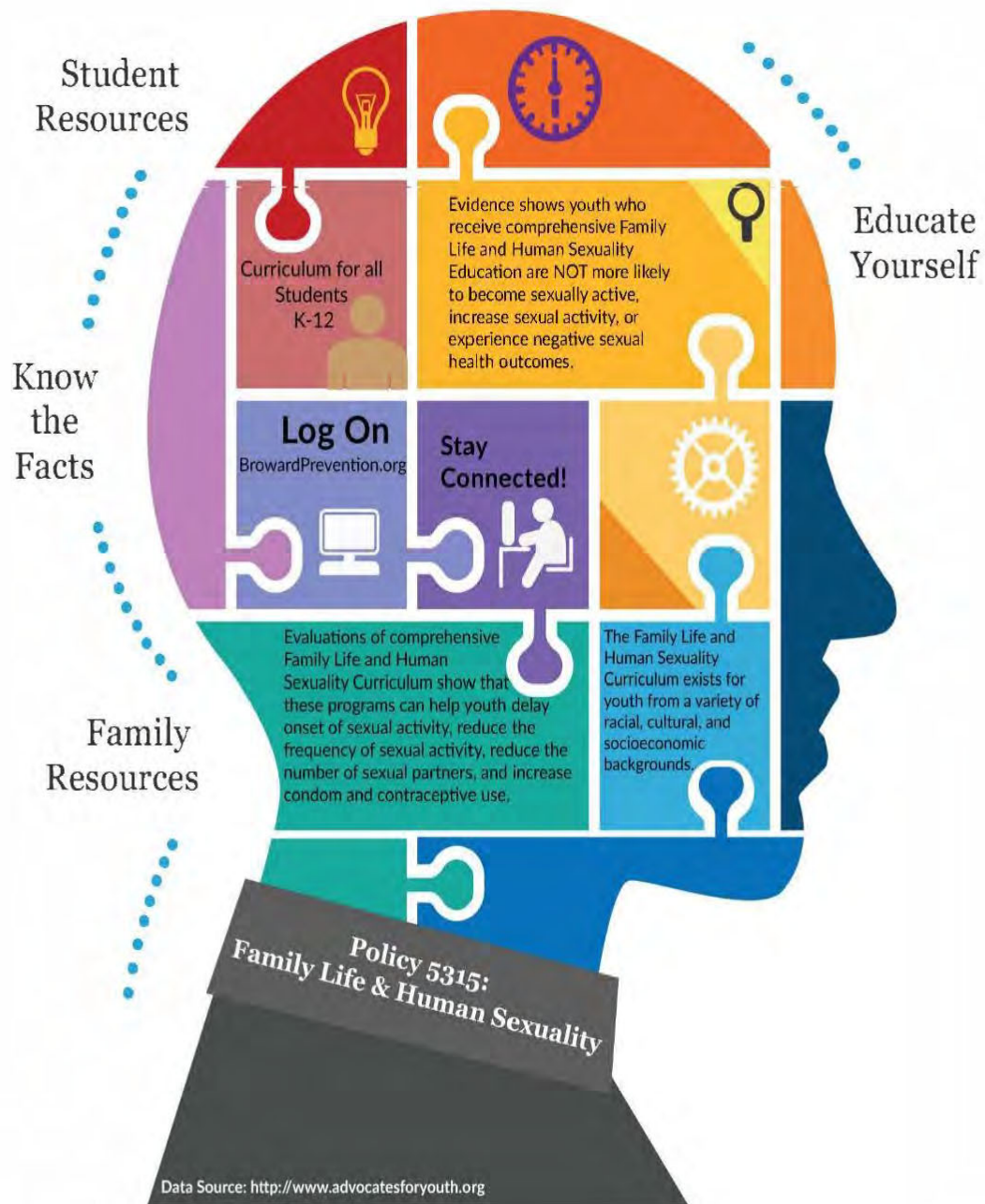


# Family Life & Human Sexuality

 <p><b>POLICY 5315</b> Family Life &amp; Human Sexuality</p>	<p><b>B</b></p>	<p>The School Board of Broward County, Florida is committed to protecting the health of all students by providing comprehensive sexual health education that promotes healthy attitudes concerning growth and development, body image, gender and sexuality, dating, relationships and family.</p>
 <p><b>CURRICULUM</b> Family Life and Human Sexuality Adopted May 2014</p>	<p><b>C</b></p>	<p>It is essential that a universal comprehensive sexual health curriculum that follows The National Sexuality Education Standards be in place in order to make certain every student receives the same quality information necessary to support their education and live a healthy life.</p>
 <p><b>DATA</b> Broward County Public Schools Youth Risk Behavior Survey</p>	<p><b>P</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In 2017, 8.3% of BCPS middle school students reported having sexual intercourse.</li> <li>- In 2017, approximately 37.4% of BCPS high school students reported to have had sexual intercourse.</li> <li>- In 2017, approximately 25.3% of BCPS high school students reported they were sexually active in the past three months.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>RESOURCES</b> View Policy 5315 and Curriculum</p>	<p><b>S</b></p>	<p>Please visit our website to review the Family Life and Human Sexuality Policy 5315, curriculum and additional parent and student resources.</p> <p><a href="https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32879">https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32879</a></p>



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### What does the curriculum cover?

#### **K-3**

The Kindergarten-Third Grade curriculum includes lessons on feelings, positive self image, decision making, sexual abuse prevention and ways to stay healthy.

#### **4-5**

The Fourth-Fifth Grade curriculum incorporates lessons on puberty, reproduction, HIV, friendship and self esteem.

#### **6-8**

The Sixth-Eighth Grade curriculum contains lessons on topics such as abstinence, communication, decision making, reproduction and HIV.

#### **9-12**

The Ninth-Twelfth Grade curriculum includes lessons on abstinence, risk education, sexual exploitation, sexually transmitted infections and healthy communication.

# Family Life/Human Sexuality Exemption Form 2020/2021 (All Grades)

Florida Statute 1003.42, requires instruction in Human Sexuality Education as part of a Comprehensive Health Education Program. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has authorized teaching Family Life/Human Sexuality and HIV/AIDS Prevention as a component of Health Education.

Policy 5315, Family Life/Human Sexuality, states in part:

“It is essential that a universal comprehensive sexual health curriculum that follows the National Sexuality Education Standards be in place in order to make certain every student receives the same quality information necessary to support their education and live a healthy life.”

Broward County Public Schools respects the rights of parents and their role in the education of their children. According to F.S. 1003.42(3), “Any student whose parent makes written request to the school principal shall be exempt from the teaching of reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment. A student so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption.”

**Only if you wish for your child to be excused from attending this course, should you complete the form below and return it to the school. Your child will then be scheduled into an alternative assignment during the Family Life/Human Sexuality lessons.**

We appreciate your interest and cooperation in the implementation of our Comprehensive Health Education Program.

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The Family Life/Human Sexuality curriculum will be presented by District trained teachers selected by your school principal and may include presentations from District approved experts in the field of sexually transmitted infection prevention as a supplemental resource.

You may review the curriculum content and instructional materials by visiting <https://www.browardschools.com/page/33679> or by scheduling an appointment with your child’s school. Additional parent resources and videos for strategies on how to talk to your child about sexual health are available at <https://www.browardschools.com/page/45860>.

**Note: Please check the box and sign below, to exempt your child from participation in the curriculum. This form should be completed and submitted to the school on an annual basis, WITHIN 10 DAYS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL or from the date of enrollment, if a student enrolls after the start of each school year. Failure to return this form constitutes permission for your child to participate in the Family Life/Human Sexuality curriculum.**

I **DO NOT** want my child to participate in any of the Family Life/Human Sexuality lessons.

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_