

## **I-2 SEX EDUCATION**

The Opelika City Schools' sex education program should be age-appropriate and shall include all of the following elements:

- An emphasis on sexual abstinence as the only completely reliable method of avoiding unwanted teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
- An emphasis on the importance of self-control and ethical conduct pertaining to sexual behavior.
- Statistics based on the latest medical information that indicate the degree of reliability and unreliability of various forms of contraception, while also emphasizing the increase in protection against pregnancy and protection against sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and AIDS infection, which is afforded by the use of various contraceptive measures.
- Information concerning the laws relating to the financial responsibilities associated with pregnancy, childbirth and child rearing.
- Information concerning the laws prohibiting sexual abuse, the need to report such abuse, and the legal options available to victims of sexual abuse.
- Information on how to cope with and rebuff unwanted physical and verbal sexual exploitation by other persons.
- Psychologically sound measures of resisting unwanted peer pressure.
- Comprehensive instruction in parenting skills and responsibilities, including the responsibility to pay child support by non-custodial parents, the penalties for non-payment of child support, the legal and ethical responsibilities of child support, and the legal and ethical responsibilities of child care and child rearing.

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