

HCPS Family Life Advisory Committee 2024- 2025

Committee Overview:

The Harford County Citizen Advisory Committee on Family Life Education was established by the General Curriculum Committee following the adoption of the 1967 bylaw, (COMAR 13A.04.01), pertaining to family life and human development. This committee discusses and reviews the Family Life Education Curriculum and alignment to the MSDE comprehensive health education framework. The committee was charged with providing review and comment on instructional materials for the Family Life and Human Sexuality Education program in grades 5 – 12, in relation to compliance with the State Standards for Comprehensive Health Education. The Advisory Committee has been an integral part of ensuring alignment of family life education unit to the MSDE standards for health education for over five decades.

2024-2025 Accomplishments

Reviewed and provided comment on an informational update related to Family Life and Human Sexuality Unit Accommodations for STRIVE and Life Skills students.

- Connection to Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.04.18.01 – Comprehensive Health Education Instructional Programs for Grades prekindergarten – Grade 12:
 - .01 Comprehensive Health Education Instructional Programs for Grades Prekindergarten—12.
 - Each local school system shall: (3) Provide access to the curriculum for non-diploma-bound students.

Reviewed and provided comment on a proposed resource to provide menstruation education to students opting out of the family life unit of instruction.

- Connection to Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.04.18.01 – Comprehensive Health Education Instructional Programs for Grades prekindergarten – Grade 12:
 - .01 Comprehensive Health Education Instructional Programs for Grades Prekindergarten—12.
 - D. Special Requirements:
 - (2) Family Life and Human Sexuality
 - (e) Student Opt-Out
 - (iii) Each school shall make arrangements to permit students opting out of the objectives related to family life and human sexuality to receive instruction concerning menstruation.
 - Proposed resource included: Menstruation education packet which will be offered as an optional resource to parents of students who are opted out of the family life and human sexuality unit.

2025 – 2026 School Year

During the 2025 – 2026 school year, the Family Life Citizens Advisory committee will

provide review and comment on any updated materials for the grade 5-12 Family Life and Human Sexuality Education program for Harford County Public Schools.