TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FAMILY LIFE CURRICULUM

PHILOSOPHY

Education is a life long process that begins with parents as the primary teachers. It is the parent’s right and responsibility to initiate a child’s education in all areas including sexuality. From the time a child begins formal education, the responsibility becomes a shared effort among home, school, and community.

This curriculum is designed to supplement each student’s personal family life education inclusive of an understanding of healthy attitudes, interpersonal relationships, decision making, understanding consequences of decisions, and growth and development which arise with emerging sexuality. Additionally, it is intended to encourage open parent-child discussions.

All curricula convey a set of values that are supported in a democratic society. Thus, sensitivity and respect for individual beliefs are of critical importance in presenting a sex education curriculum. The main values espoused by this curriculum include:

- Show respect for the values and uniqueness of each individual.
- Show respect for the family unit.
- Show respect for all people’s property.
- Accept responsibility for one’s own actions.
- Accept responsibility to protect self and others.
- Accept responsibility as a member of society.

GOAL

Students will acquire accurate information about human maturation and will develop knowledge of physical, social and emotional aspects of personal maturation, human sexuality and family life. The primary goal is to provide opportunities for students to develop positive self-esteem, effective communication skills, responsible decision-making, and personal safety strategies.