

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School**  
**Policy S32: Sexual Education Policy**  
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Southwest Georgia S.T.E.M. Charter School believes that the purpose of educational programs dealing with sex education and family life is to help students acquire factual knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values that contribute to the well-being of the individual, the family, and society.

Helping students attain a mature and responsible attitude toward human sexuality is a continuous task of every generation. Parents have the prime responsibility to assist their children in developing moral values. The school should support and supplement parents' efforts in these areas by offering students factual information and opportunities to discuss concerns, issues, and attitudes inherent in sexual behavior and family life, especially including traditional moral values.

Southwest Georgia S.T.E.M. Charter School shall include in its comprehensive health curriculum a program of study that includes information and concepts in sex education/AIDS education. The program of study shall be consistent with the provisions of state law and rules of the Georgia Board of Education.

The School Leader shall develop procedures that allow parents and legal guardians to exercise the option of excluding their child from sex education and AIDS prevention instructional programs. Such procedures shall provide that, prior to making a choice to allow his/her child to participate in the unit instruction, a parent or legal guardian shall be told what instruction is to be included in the program and have an opportunity to review all instructional materials to be used, print and non-print.