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1 **The Superintendent of Schools shall report the pregnancy rate for Williamson County females ages**
2 **15 to 17 annually to the Board. In the event the pregnancy rate for Williamson County females ages**
3 **15-17 ever exceeds the threshold established by T.C.A. 49-6-1301, the following plan shall be**
4 **implemented by WCS to comply with state law. Until the following plan becomes necessary, WCS**
5 **shall continue to teach those aspects of family life embedded in the State curriculum.**

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- 7 1. The State curriculum framework for Health Education includes the following: Health (grades K-5),
8 Multi-Age Middle Grades Exploratory (grades 6-8), and Lifetime Wellness (grade 9).
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- 10 2. In compliance with state law, specific attention will be given to the following:
- 11 a. Family relationships and responsibilities.
- 12 b. Dating, courtship, peer pressure, and sexual abstinence.
- 13 c. Responsible sexual behavior and relationships.
- 14 d. Marriage and the family.
- 15 e. Male and female reproductive systems, including female reproductive cycles.
- 16 f. Contraception (birth control).
- 17 g. Prevention of HIV/AIDS, STDs, Hepatitis, and communicable diseases.
- 18 h. Pregnancy, childbirth, and delivery.
- 19 i. Parenthood and family responsibilities.
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- 22 3. The Board expects each school and teacher in grades K-8 to incorporate into the regular health
23 instruction program appropriate activities and materials to provide instruction that meets the stated
24 goals at each grade level in the family life strand of the State curriculum framework for Health
25 Education.
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- 27 4. The Superintendent of Schools, appropriate administrative staff, school Principals, and teachers shall
28 give special attention to the following issues and expectations:
- 29 a. Abstinence from sexual relations outside of marriage shall be the primary goal for emphasis and
30 expectation in teaching about all topics involved in family life instruction.
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- 32 b. Instruction will be provided regarding all medically recommended methods of contraception and
33 disease prevention.
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- 35 c. Instruction in contraception and disease prevention will be limited to the following:
- 36 1) Family planning shall be the focus, instead of birth control or contraception.
- 37 2) Information provided in the approved textbooks, workbooks, and related supplementary
38 materials approved by the Board.
- 39 3) Information provided in person by licensed medical professionals (M.D.s, R.N.s, and
40 state/county Health Department staff) from the community.
- 41 4) Information provided by videotapes approved by the Board or video presentations
42 available via public broadcast media.
- 43 5) Abortion shall not be presented as a form of contraception.
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- 1 d. Instruction regarding condoms will be limited as follows: Condoms may be cited as a means of
2 providing some protection for a sexually active person; however, the fact must also be cited that
3 condoms present an unpredictable, uncontrollable risk factor. Condoms may not be visually
4 portrayed, displayed, simulated, demonstrated, or distributed to students. Printed or visual
5 materials regarding condoms may not be presented to students unless the printed material is
6 included in the approved curriculum guide or separately approved by the Board of Education.
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- 8 e. Abortion will be addressed as follows:
9 1) Not ever to be presented as a form of contraception.
10 2) To be presented as a matter of choice exercised by the pregnant individual within the
11 framework of state and federal laws and considered only in consultation with a licensed
12 medical professional (M.D., R.N.).
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- 14 f. Parents of students in classes involving family life instruction will be informed in writing in
15 advance about the topics to be covered, the materials to be used, and their right to request to be
16 excused ("opt out") from these classes.
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- 18 g. Any parent or guardian requesting the alternative or "opt-out" provision as noted above will do so
19 by filing a written request with the teacher and Principal. When a parent requests for a student to
20 "opt out" from a lesson or lessons, the student will be assigned alternative reading and written
21 health assignments to complete. Copies of the assignment(s) will be provided to the student,
22 parent, and Principal. The student will not receive any penalty or negative effect on the class or
23 course grade because of opting-out, if the assigned alternative lessons are performed or
24 completed in a timely and satisfactory manner.
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Legal References:

TCA 49-6-1301

TCA 49-6-1302

TCA 49-6-1303

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