

(School Letterhead)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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The major purpose of the Human Sexuality Curriculum at the secondary level is to help students improve their personal and social relationships for a better understanding of themselves and others. It is during these adolescent years that children need specific and realistic information concerning growth and development, interpersonal relationships, and disease, to better prepare them for adulthood.

At the middle school level, major concepts to be covered will include: meaning and significance of self-esteem and peer relationships; review of the structure and function of the human reproductive system; analyzing boy/girl relationships; and communicable diseases. Certified teachers, selected by the school principal, will present the Human Sexuality Unit and have been instructed on proper usage of this curriculum guide. They will stress that abstinence from sexual activity is the expected standard for unmarried, school age students.

While the school, religious affiliations, and other community agencies have a role in supporting the effort of parents, it is recognized that the basic responsibility for human sexuality education belongs in the home. Although the school can contribute to and reinforce wholesome attitudes while presenting factual information, it is the parents who can best give these facts their personal, spiritual, and emotional quality.

If you are interested in reviewing the curriculum content and instructional materials at our school, please call to make an appointment. You may contact the school to discuss this information, review the materials, or choose to opt out. We appreciate your interest and cooperation in the implementation of our Human Sexuality Unit.

Sincerely,

Principal

According to Florida Statute 1003.42, section (3):

"Any student whose parent makes written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment. A student so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption. Course descriptions for comprehensive health education shall not interfere with the local determination of appropriate curriculum which reflects local values and concerns."

Please check the appropriate line, sign and return this slip to your child's school

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