



PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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HUMAN SEXUALITY CURRICULUM NOTIFICATION Poudre School District

The Poudre School District Board of Education has approved the Human Sexuality Curriculum for all 7th grade students. The curriculum includes instruction on the human reproductive system, sexually transmitted diseases and infections (including HIV/AIDS), and contraception. While Colorado law does not mandate the teaching of these topics, the Colorado Comprehensive Health Education Act encourages school districts to provide this information for secondary students.

Colorado Statute 22-25-104 (2000) requires that “any curriculum and materials developed and used in teaching sexuality and human reproduction shall include values and responsibility and shall give primary emphasis to **abstinence** by school-aged children.”

The lessons for this unit include:

- Sexuality and Gender
- Peer and Media Influences
- Healthy and Responsible Relationships
- Boundaries and Consent
- Human Reproductive Systems
- Contraception and Pregnancy Prevention
- Sexually Transmitted Infections/HIV and AIDS

The district-approved materials are available for your review in the front office at Preston, and you may view them at your convenience during school hours. By law, you may excuse your child from participation in classes that include content that is contrary to your religious or personal beliefs. Your child may be exempted from one or more lessons.

The sexuality and gender lesson will be taught during the social health unit in the context of prejudice and discrimination. Although this lesson is considered part of the human sexuality unit, we find that it is more appropriately taught in the context of social interactions rather than human sexuality.

Please see the back of this form to grant permission or excuse your child from one or more lessons in the unit. Please feel free to email me with any questions regarding any part of the curriculum, or for clarification about the unit. You can also contact the health facilitator, Laura Grissom, at lgrissom@psdschools.org.

Sincerely,

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Parent Permission Form

Please have your child return this form to the health teacher for this curriculum as soon as possible. This unit will begin around _____.

Please mark one of the following options and sign below:

_____ My child is to be included in classroom instruction for all lessons in the human sexuality unit.

_____ My child is to be excused from participating during the following lesson(s):
Note: if your child is excused, s/he will go to the media center and have time to work on assignments from other classes. S/he will NOT be excused from completing the unit assessment.

- _____ Sexuality and Gender
- _____ Peer and Media Influences
- _____ Healthy and Responsible Relationships
- _____ Boundaries and Consent
- _____ Human Reproductive Systems
- _____ Contraception and Pregnancy Prevention
- _____ Sexually Transmitted Infections/HIV and AIDS

_____ My child is to be excused from all social health and human sexuality unit lessons outlined in this letter.
Note: if your child is excused, s/he will go to the media center and have time to work on assignments from other classes. S/he will NOT be excused from completing the unit assessment and will likely need support from home to complete it.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

