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 Date

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is enrolled in a [Subject Name/Grade Level] class that will include age-appropriate lessons on human sexuality. Under state law, parents must provide written consent in order for students to be able to participate in these lessons. Students will not be allowed to participate unless we receive written consent. Permission slips will be sent out in [month], at least two weeks prior to the start of instruction. Under Texas law, you may exempt your child from participating in any part of the district’s human sexuality instruction. Your child’s teacher will assign alternative lessons or activities. Your child will not be subject to any disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction.

The curriculum that will be used is [Curriculum name]. Both the [School District] Board of Trustees and School Health Advisory Council have approved the use of this curriculum. The district’s School Health Advisory Council, comprised of parents, students, community, and school staff members, is appointed by the Board of Trustees and ensures that local community values are reflected in the district’s health education instruction.

More information can be found on the [School District] SHAC webpage. If you have any questions, please contact: [Contact].

**Human Sexuality Instruction Requirements Under State Law**

The chosen curriculum is compliant with Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code, and in accordance, will:

* present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relationship to all sexual activity for unmarried persons of school age;
* devote more attention to abstinence from sexual activity than to any other behavior;
* emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity, if used consistently and correctly, is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, infection with HIV/AIDS, and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity;
* direct adolescents to a standard of behavior in which abstinence from sexual activity before marriage is the most effective way to prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and infection with HIV/AIDS;  and
* teach contraception and condom use in terms of human use reality rates instead of theoretical laboratory rates.
* Not distribute condoms in connection with instruction relating to human sexuality.

**Instruction contents and schedule:**

The topics that will be covered include:

* [ex: Puberty and reproductive anatomy/physiology, approximate date of lesson]
* [ex: Building healthy relationships, approximate date of lesson]
* [ex: Decision-making and refusal skills, approximate date of lesson]
* [ex: Risks of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV/AIDS, approximate date of lesson]
* [ex: Prevention of pregnancy and STIs including HIV/AIDS, approximate date of lesson]
	+ [ex: Benefits of abstinence as the only 100% effective way to prevent pregnancy and STIs/HIV/AIDS, approximate date of lesson]
	+ [ex: Contraception and condom use, including effectiveness of methods in terms of human use reality rates, approximate date of lesson]

**Curriculum Review**

Under state law (Texas Education Code 28.004), parents have the right to review or purchase curriculum material related to human sexuality instruction.

(Use the section below if your district uses copyrighted instructional materials)

[Describe your district’s policy that allows parents to review the curriculum materials at the student's campus at any time during regular business hours, ie at the campus library. If using digital materials, note that parents may request electronic access.]

For purchase agreements between school districts and publishers entered into after September 1, 2021, parents may choose to purchase all curriculum materials at the same price paid by the school district.

(Use the section below if your district uses open source or public domain instructional materials)

You may review curriculum materials online at [website address].

If you have questions about reviewing curriculum materials, please contact the program coordinator or principal at [Contact Names and Information].

**Opportunities for Parent/Guardian Involvement**

Parents/guardians have the opportunity for involvement in the development or selection of the curriculum used in human sexuality instruction. The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meets regularly throughout the school year and meetings are open to the public. The SHAC will review and make recommendations to the district about any changes to the current human sexuality curriculum or any new program to be implemented. The SHAC shall hold two public feedback meetings if any curriculum is being adopted or revised.

Please contact [Contact Name and Information] or visit [SHAC website] if you are interested in further information regarding the School Health Advisory Council.

**Grievance Procedures**

A parent may use the grievance procedure concerning a complaint of a violation of notice requirements. The district has adopted a standard complaint policy at FNG(LOCAL) in the district’s policy manual. A copy of this policy may be obtained in the principal’s or superintendent’s office or on the district’s website at [website]. Parents may also use the appeals process under Texas Education Code Section 7.057.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child has a positive and educationally enriching experience this school year. Again if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the program coordinator or school principal.

Sincerely,

[Insert Signature and Contact Information Here]