

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education were revised in 2022 to address the need for students to be taught awareness of the dangers of human trafficking of youth in order to prevent it. Comprehensive Health and Physical Education is a fundamental part of your child's educational experience that supports positive, realistic, and responsible concepts.

Comprehensive Health and Physical Education is a mandate from the New Jersey State Department of Education and a part of all New Jersey public school programs. Yearly participation in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education classes, which include an online safety and human trafficking education component as outlined by N.J.S.A. 18A:6-131.2-131.3 and is a requirement for all students in grades K-12.

The disciplinary concepts and core ideas for the three grade bands for the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education standards is established by the New Jersey Department of Education and are outlined below and can be accessed by visiting the NJDOE website https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/chp/Docs/2020_NJSLS-CHPE.pdf Disciplinary concepts and core ideas are taught in an age, grade appropriate and developmental manner.

As a district, we recognize that parents/guardians are the primary health and family life educators for their child(ren) and we are committed to supporting you in this role. Although we strongly encourage families to have their child(ren) participate in the online safety and human trafficking education, we want to acknowledge that parents/guardians do have the option of excluding their child from any portion of online safety and human trafficking education instruction in accordance with district policy should the instruction conflict with their conscience, morally, or religiously held beliefs. In such instances, procedures have been established whereby any student whose parent or guardian presents to the building administrator a signed statement, that any part of the instruction in online safety and human trafficking education is in conflict with his/her conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs, will be excused from the portion of any course where such instruction is given without penalty to course credit or graduation; and an alternate experience will be assigned. If school administration does not hear from you, it will be assumed that your child will participate in online safety and human trafficking education.

Should you choose to have your child excused from any part of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, please notify the school in writing.

As a reminder, it is important to contact your child's teacher should you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,