

# Parent Notification

Maturation, Reproduction, and Sexuality  
8th Grade – Spring 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because our school will soon be implementing sexual health education as a part of our overall health education curriculum. The district has reviewed and approved a curriculum specifically adapted to align with the state of Michigan's health standards and statutory requirements.

Instruction will begin on May 12, 2023, and will take place over four consecutive Fridays

Topics include:

- *Human Reproductive Anatomy*
- *Puberty*
- *HIV/AIDS & Sexually Transmitted Infections*
- *Gender Identity and Sexual orientation*
- *Healthy Relationships*
- *Decision-making*
- *Abstinence*
- *Contraception and Pregnancy Prevention*
- *Personal Safety (including discussions of consent, abuse, and assault)*

You are welcome to preview the lessons your child will be receiving. To do so, contact the school office to plan a time for a viewing of the curriculum. In addition, students will receive weekly handouts about what to expect the following week. This aims to facilitate a home-school connection.

Honey Creek Community School acknowledges that parents/guardians are the primary sexuality educators for their child/children, and we are committed to partnering with you to provide supplementary resources to support you in this role.

Michigan Parents/guardians have several rights regarding sexual health education instruction:

- *You must be notified prior to instruction on sex education and/or HIV/STI prevention.*
- *You may view the lessons being taught with 48 hours notice. To do so, email us at [office@hc.wash.k12.mi.us](mailto:office@hc.wash.k12.mi.us)*
- *You may excuse your child from this instruction without penalty, often called "opting out". If you decide to opt your child out of some or all of the lessons, please complete the section of this letter below and return it to the front office.*

Sincerely,

Kevin Kelly  
Executive Director  
Honey Creek Community School

# Parental Opt-Out

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I wish for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to be excused from the  
Maturation, Reproduction, and Sexuality classes.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this signed document to the office no later than  
Thursday, May 11.**