

September 4, 2009

Dear Parent:

On September 1, 2009 Senate Bill 283 went into effect. This bill requires school districts to provide parents a summary of the human sexuality instruction presented to students.

At Community ISD, our health instruction correlates with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education curriculum standards, commonly known as TEKS. These standards can be viewed online by entering <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter115/index.html>

Basic health information regarding body structure and function as it relates to personal health is introduced to students at the middle school level. As students move on to high school, they learn to analyze the relationship between unsafe behaviors and personal health. Their health instruction also includes developing strategies to promote resiliency throughout the life span.

In addition to our health curriculum, fifth grade girls and sixth grade boys are given a separate puberty education class. This presentation is conducted by our CISD nurses and is preceded by a parental notification letter.

If for any reason a parent does not want their child to be a part of the health education process, a request can be made for a student's removal for part of the instruction. Students whose parents request this option will not be subject to any disciplinary action or academic penalty.

Parents may review health instruction materials by contacting their child's principal. Furthermore, if a parent would like to be involved in the development of health curriculum, it is recommended that you contact the principal for referral to School Health Advisory Committee's campus representative.

Sincerely,

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