

## **Elementary Parent Notification Letter**

In accordance with Texas Education Code 28.004 and Senate Bill 9, elementary students in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades will receive instruction in human growth and development. Additionally, students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will receive instruction from elementary school counselors on the required health Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) specific to abuse and violence prevention. All lessons are aligned with the TEKS and meet the requirements mandated by the state.

Under Texas statute, parents must choose to "opt-in" their child to participate in the lessons that address human growth and development, abuse prevention, and violence prevention.

Below is the opt-in window and the time frame when lessons will be taught:

Parent Opt-In Window: March 18th- March 31st

Instruction Window: April 15th- May 17th

**Human Growth and Development Instruction** 

Use the links below to review the curriculum.

4th Grade

https://katyisd.instructure.com/courses/577945

## 5th Grade

Boys' Video Girls' Video

## Fetal development

Video For All

## Personal Health and Safety Guidance Lesson

Click <u>here</u> to review the Personal Health and Safety lesson that elementary school counselors will deliver.

Parents may opt their child in for instruction by logging in to MyKaty and selecting the KISD Option Portal icon. **The opt-in deadline is March 31, 2024.** 

Please email <a href="mailto:instructionalresources@katyisd.org">instructionalresources@katyisd.org</a> with any questions.

This content is intended to initiate conversations between you and your child about the physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during adolescence. In addition, awareness and education on abuse and violence are key to prevention and intervention. It is a priority for Katy ISD to partner with our families and community to create a safety net for our students.