

Parent Notification Letter Junior High School

In accordance with Texas Education Code 28.004 and Senate Bill 9, junior high students will receive instruction in human growth and development, child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking. 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.

Students enrolled in junior high school physical education/health will receive instruction in Human Growth and Development. Additionally, all junior high school students will receive instruction from junior high school counselors on the required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) specific to abuse prevention and violence prevention.

The curriculum provides students with age-appropriate information that aligns with the TEKS and meets the requirements mandated by Texas Education Code 28.004 and Senate Bill 9. We encourage you to talk about the content with your child and incorporate your values.

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

Texas Health Skills for Middle School by Goodheart-Willcox is the Katy ISD Board of Trustees approved instructional resource. Parents can preview the health curriculum materials and resources on each individual campus by request.

[INSERT OPT-IN LINK]

Personal Health and Safety Guidance Lesson

Click <u>here</u> to review the Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships lesson that junior high 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 <u>instructionalresources@katyisd.org</u> with any questions.

It is a priority for Katy ISD to partner with our families and community to create a safety net for our students.