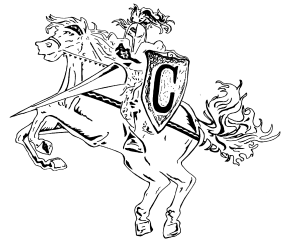


Chariho Regional School District Office of the Superintendent

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ALL KIDS. ALL OF THE TIME.



GINA M. PICARD
Superintendent

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I am writing to make you aware that our health classes include information on human sexuality and family life. In the event that you wish to exclude your child(ren) from the topic, this letter provides the information that should help you make that determination.

The K-12 Health Curriculum Guide is available for your review at each school and on our website at www.chariho.k12.ri.us/teaching_and_learning/curriculum.

In addition, you may make an appointment with any of the health teachers at any time.

While only a small percentage of the classes are focused on sex and family life topics, there are many times in our comprehensive health program when students will hear and/or see information that is related to sex and family life. Some examples are:

- ☐ Posters, torsos, pamphlets, and student projects may be in health classrooms.
- ☐ Lessons on HIV/AIDS.
- ☐ Substance abuse prevention classes may discuss the impact of drugs on health, decision-making, and sexual risks.
- ☐ First aid and CPR classes discuss precautions related to pregnant women.
- ☐ Discussion of steroids may include their relationship to secondary sex characteristics.

The information that we are presenting is extremely important and we encourage the participation of all children. If you choose to exclude your child, you must present a written statement to the principal noting the health education topic you would like to exempt your child from learning.

The specific procedure for requesting exclusion is:

- ☐ The parent presents a written statement. The statement must specify which health topic you are exempting your child from learning.
- ☐ At the High School, students will be reassigned to study and assigned alternative health assignments.
- ☐ At the Middle School, students will read two mutually agreed upon books on a health-related topic and write a report on each book. Students will also be required to complete a report on a mutually agreed upon health topic. The health teacher will issue a quarterly grade based on an assessment of this work.
- ☐ At the elementary schools, students will be assigned independent projects on health-related topics.

Please feel free to contact the school principal or health teacher if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Picard
Superintendent of Schools

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