

Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

To meet state requirements for comprehensive health education instructional programs, all middle school students will be given the opportunity to participate in the Family Life and Human Sexuality Unit as part of their sixth-grade middle school health education curriculum. All materials utilized in this unit have been approved by the Family Life Committee, a state mandated, and Harford County Public Schools Board of Education sponsored committee.

This unit will cover:

- changes that occur during puberty in both males and females
- anatomy and physiology of the reproductive systems
- the process of human reproduction

The HCPS procedure for family life curriculum review or unit opt out is as follows:

1. Contact **[TEACHER NAME]** at **[EMAIL ADDRESS/SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER]** by **[DATE]** to request a phone or in person meeting to discuss concerns and review curricular materials
2. A phone or in-person meeting may be scheduled to discuss concerns and review curricular materials.
3. If appropriate, Parent or Caregiver provides a written request to the teacher to opt child out of individual lessons or entirety of the unit within three days of the parent meeting. Students who are not participating in the unit will be provided with appropriate alternative health education assignments.
4. If additional questions or concerns remain after the above steps, email AskHCPS@hcps.org or call 410-809-6193 so your question can be directed to the appropriate individual or specific office.