

Dear Parent/guardian,

We are about to begin instruction about the reproductive system and human sexuality. The Human Growth and Development curriculum offers an opportunity for you to talk to your child about health issues associated with sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, and unintended pregnancy. Our curriculum teaches that the most responsible decision a young person can make in this regard is to abstain from any high risk behaviors, unprotected sexual intercourse, and substance abuse. The only 100% effective way to prevent unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS is to abstain from all sexual activity.

We welcome you to review the lessons by visiting the MPS Wellness and Prevention Office website:

<http://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Programs/Health-Wellness/Health-Education.htm>. At times your son or daughter will be asked to talk with you to better understand your beliefs and values around these issues. We want to support your role as the main educator of your child about human sexuality.

The Milwaukee Health Department has a community-based initiative, **Plain Talk**, designed to assist parents in developing the skills and tools they need to communicate effectively with their children about abstinence, healthy relationships, and sexuality. If you are interested in finding out more information please go to: <http://city.milwaukee.gov/health/plaintalk#.VZVkwVQo7cs> or call Denise Crumble at 414-286-8478.

MPS school board adheres to the Human Growth and Development Administrative Policy 7.09 and MPS school board policy 7.09 requiring that a sequential K-12 program be offered for Human Growth and Development. Parents have the right to remove their child from this curriculum, and this permission slip gives you the opportunity to do so.

Attached you will find an outline of the lessons to be taught this year. In order for your child to participate in the classes, we must have a signed permission slip from you. If you would like to have your child sit out during any of these lessons, please indicate which lessons on the back of this page. Please return the form to your child's Human Growth and Development teacher (Ms. Brown) as soon as possible or your child will be included in all learning opportunities. We must receive it back by **Tuesday, April 24, 2018.**

We look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,
Jasmine A Brown
6th grade Human Growth and Development Teacher

I would like my child to be **pulled out** of the class sessions of the human growth and development curriculum indicated on the back of this form. I grant permission for my child to participate in all other sessions:

Student's Child's Name _____

Please print your name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

By signing this letter your child WILL NOT be participating in the Human Growth and Development Curriculum lessons you identify on the back of this form.

Milwaukee Public Schools
Wellness and Prevention Office
Human Growth & Development Curriculum
6th Grade Lessons

Please place a check mark next to any lesson you would like your child NOT to participate in.

- Lesson 1- Just the Facts
- Lesson 2- Silhouette Activity (Reproductive System)
- Lesson 3- Puberty Explained
- Lesson 4- Circle of Friends
- Lesson 5- My Dream Self
- Lesson 6- In The Know- HIV
- Lesson 7- STIs
- Lesson 8- Transmission Possible
- Lesson 9- Why Choose Abstinence?
- Lesson 10- Let's Talk!
- Lesson 11- Delaying Tactics
- Lesson 12- Needs and Limits
- Lesson 13- Dealing with Cyberbullying
- Lesson 14- Contraception