LOCKHART MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Orange County Public Schools
Middle School Sexual Health Education

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As part of the Orange County Public Schools health and science education curriculum, your child's teachers will be presenting sexual health education lessons that comply with the Florida Standards.

The OCPS sexual health education curriculum was written by a team of teachers in accordance with OCPS sexual health education guidelines. The curriculum is regularly updated to align with current Florida Standards for health and science education. The curriculum includes comprehensive, fact-based information on a variety of topics with an emphasis on sexual abstinence/postponement as acceptable behavior and the healthiest choice for youth. Topics included in the curriculum are listed below and all materials that will be covered can be accessed by logging into the OCPS Parent Portal (https://parents.classlink.com/ocps) using your OCPS Parent Portal (Skyward Login) credentials.

Grades 6-8 Lesson Topics

- Introduction/Ground/Rules/Pretest/Folder Assignments
- Decision Making
- Puberty and Adolescence
- Reproductive Systems
- Menstruation, Fertilization, Birth
- Navigating the Health Care System
- Sexual Abstinence/Postponing Sexual Involvement
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention/Contraception and Parenting
- STDs, including HIV
- Healthy Relationships
- Consent and Refusal Skills
- Posttest

The success of the sexual health education curriculum is dependent upon the involvement and support of the child's family. Your child will be encouraged to discuss what they learn with you and to seek guidance and information about your family's values when considering personal decisions. Throughout the course of instruction, your child will be asked to bring home and complete "Parent/Guardian Involvement Activities" to facilitate communication within the family.

Any student whose parent makes a written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, in accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.42 (3). A student so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher/administration.

Sincerely,

Farah L. Henderson
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