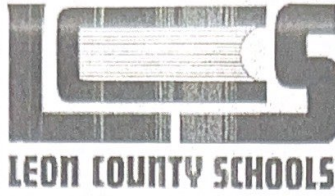


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Dear Parent or Guardian:

**Please note that curriculum used to deliver content related to Florida Statute 1003.42 on Required Instruction "used to teach reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment..." must be approved by the district school board before use. LCS currently expects the school board to vote on approval of the proposed curriculum for school year 2022-2023 on April 25, 2023.**

**Should the April 25, 2023 vote result in the current proposed curriculum NOT be approved, parents will be provided with another opportunity to opt out of instruction on this topic with a new curriculum.**

As part of the State required curriculum, Florida statues require students receive comprehensive health education (Florida Statue 1003.46). As part of health education for grades 6-12, your child will receive instruction in family life and prevention and control of disease. Depending on your child's grade level, topics may include:

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| Personal Safety                                     | • Abstinence                             |
| • Human Reproduction and Childbirth                 | • Contraception and Pregnancy Prevention |
| • Puberty   | • Healthy and Respectful Relationships   |
| • HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) | • Decision Making                        |

Florida Statute Chapter 1014 and School Board Policy 5780.01 require that parents be provided the opportunity to preview materials. You are welcome to contact your child's science teacher **to preview the lessons we'll be teaching your student. The lessons are also available on the district website here: <https://www.leonschools.net/Page/54691>**

Parents/guardians have the option of "opting out" their child from any portion of human growth and development by making a written request to the school principal. If you are choosing to **OPT OUT** your child, please fill out the exemption form below, tear it off, and send it to your child's science teacher. **Exempted students will not be penalized.** They will be sent to another room and given an alternative assignment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paula M. Hall

**OPT OUT PORTION:** Only to be filled out if you **DO NOT want your child to participate** in health education. I wish for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to be excused from the family life and prevention and control of disease instruction.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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