



## KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

2022/23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As stated in the August 17th, 2022, message from Superintendent Katie Sheridan, guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education indicates *that districts that do not teach “comprehensive sexual health education” (Grade 6-8) may still teach sexual health aligned to the Illinois Physical Development and Health Standards.* Therefore, District 96 will continue to use our current units in grades 4 through 8 only, which align to the Illinois Physical Development and Health Standards for the 2022-2023 school year.

In compliance with these State mandates, your child’s Health teachers will address these specific topics by the end of eighth grade. The Health curriculum is designed to introduce topics at the most age-appropriate time. Illinois State law also requires all school districts with a comprehensive health curriculum to provide instruction on specific health topics including human growth and development.

Pertinent to the topics identified above, IL School Code dictates you may elect to have your child excused from 1) sex education, 2) sexual abuse, 3) family life, 4) HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, 5) organ, tissue and blood, or 6) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) instruction.

**As indicated, our curriculum is designed to introduce topics at the most age-appropriate time, and therefore, lessons in grades four and five focus on puberty and the changes associated with it.**

Links to the materials teachers will use during the human growth and development unit will be posted in your school’s Principal Message on February 24. Instruction will not begin before March 15, 2023.

District 96 recognizes that parents/guardians are the primary educators for their families on these topics.

As parents, you may elect to excuse your child from instruction on this topic. If you choose this option, please submit a specific request, in writing, to the school principal, asking that your child be excused from the class during that specific period(s) of instruction, and we will provide an alternate assignment.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Sheridan  
Superintendent of Schools