



Carbondale Community High School

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS, EVERY MOMENT COUNTS



Dear Parents/Guardians

As a result of recent legislation (Public Act 102-0522), Districts have the **option** to provide sexual health education instruction.

Additionally, **parents/guardians may opt their children out of such instruction**, should a district choose to provide it. School districts that choose to provide instruction in sexual health education must develop or select a curriculum that is aligned with the new standards. The new standards are age and developmentally appropriate, medically accurate, and evidence informed. Carbondale Community High School will continue to provide comprehensive sex education aligned with these standards that aim to:

1. Empower and educate students about personal health and safety.
2. Protect students from child sexual abuse and interpersonal violence.
3. Support the development of healthy relationships.

Our curriculum is developed using resources from the CDC, Jackson County Health Department, Shawnee Health and the Pearson Health textbook. It includes information on healthy relationships, consent, sexually transmitted diseases, abstinence, and pregnancy prevention. A road map of our entire health education curriculum can be found on our website, if you would like to review it. We are also available to meet upon request if you would like to discuss any concerns you have before deciding to opt out.

We will begin this Unit on November 28th. Students who opt out will need to check in with me for attendance and then report to the media center for the duration of the sexual reproduction unit which will be approximately 3 weeks. They will be asked to complete a research paper during this time and will be given assistance from the Librarian.

If you have questions please feel free to email me at kyle.povolish@cchs165.com or call me at 618-457-3372 Ext. 127.

If opting out please check the box and return by Wednesday 11/16/22

☐ I choose to opt my student out of the sexual health reproduction unit.

(print Student's name here)

(Parent/guardian signature)

(Date)

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