

September 12, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Enclosed is a link to the outlines of the grade 8 sex education health curriculum:

<http://www.duxbury.k12.ma.us/cms/lib2/MA01001583/Centricity/Domain/32/Grade%208.pdf>

This program has been developed by our professional staff under the guidance of the community health education advisory council. The overall goal of the course is to continue efforts begun in earlier grades to promote the health and well-being of our students, and to help them make wise and informed decisions during their teen-age years and beyond.

Sex education is part of the health education curriculum in grades 8 including topics such as puberty, the male and female reproductive systems, pregnancy, and abstinence. If you would like to review these materials at the school, you are welcome to do so. Please call me to arrange a convenient time.

During the course, students will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age appropriate manner. Each student's privacy will be respected, and no one will be put on the spot to ask or answer questions or reveal personal information.

Under Massachusetts law and School Committee policy, you may exempt your child from any portion of the curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. To receive an exemption, simply send me a letter requesting an exemption for your child. No student who is exempted from this portion of the curriculum will be penalized. We may provide an alternative assignment to students who are exempted.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a positive and educationally enriching experience this school year. If you have any questions about sex education or any other matter concerning your child's education, please call me.

Sincerely,

Blake Dalton