

## SEX EDUCATION

The New Hanover County Board of Education (Board) recognizes that the parents or guardians should make decisions concerning their child's participation in a sex education program. According to N.C.G.S. §115C-81, known as the "The Healthy Youth Act of 2009", reproductive health and safety education programs will be offered to students in Grades 5-9. Parents or guardians may review all instructional materials, discuss goals and objectives with the teachers and administrators, and obtain additional information to assist in selecting the best program for their child.

Written permission from the parents or guardians of children in Grades 5-8 shall be on file prior to their child's placement into the following sex education programs:

- Grade 5 Growth and Changes Program
- Grades 6-8 My Life: Choices Today for a Healthy Tomorrow;  
or Stepping Stones to Better Living: Responsible Decisions Program

Parents or guardians of high school students shall receive a letter from their child's school stating that their child will automatically be assigned to the sex education portion of the health curriculum. Parents or guardians may choose to withhold their consent for their child's participation in any part of or the entire sex education portion of the health curriculum. To do so, parents or guardians shall complete and submit the bottom portion of the letter indicating they want their child excused from participating in any part of or the entire sex education portion of the health curriculum.

LEGAL REF: NCGS 115C-81 (e1)

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