



## GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Greenwich Public School Parent / Guardian,

Health Education is a critical component of a student's well-rounded education. Certified Health Education Teachers deliver planned, on-going, and systematic instruction that enhances the wellbeing of their students. This curriculum provides students with a foundation for a lifetime of health, wellness and character development. It also provides students with the opportunity to develop and practice the following lifelong health skills: accessing accurate health information, managing healthy behaviors, analyzing internal and external influences, communicating effectively, making healthy and safe decisions, planning short-term and long-term goals, and advocating for self and others.

Our Board approved, comprehensive K-12 Health Education Curriculum complies with our CT State mandates for: Health and Safety Education- Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 10-16b; Alcohol, Nicotine or Tobacco and Drugs- CGS Section 10-19(a); and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome- CGS Section 10-19(b).

In accordance with Connecticut law and Greenwich Board of Education policy, parents have the right to exempt their children only from the following specific portions of our Health Education Curriculum:  
(For a detailed list of Big Ideas, Concepts and Skills Click the Blue link below)

[HIV/AIDS Education](#)

Grades: 8 & 10

[Sexual Health Education](#)

Grades: 5, 6, 8, 9 & 12

[Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness Education](#)

Grades: 1, 4, 8, & 11

In the interest of fully informing parents, individual schools will present opportunities for a full review of all sensitive curricula and teaching materials, early in the year, prior to their actual implementation.

The Greenwich Public Schools K - 12 Health Education Curriculum has been recognized by the State of Connecticut as a quality program that is an important part of your child's comprehensive educational experience. We take pride in our program and look forward to teaching your child(ren) this school year.

Please contact us, at any time, with any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Superintendent  
Greenwich Public Schools

**Greenwich Public Schools**  
**Health Education Non-Participation Form**

**Only complete this non-participation form if you choose to exercise your right to exempt your child(ren) from any of the following opt-out classes (they will have an alternative health lesson in the secondary level), and return this form to:**

**Elementary School - return this form to your child's school Principal.**

**Middle School - return this form to your child's school Principal.**

**High School - return this form to both [David\\_Walko@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:David_Walko@greenwich.k12.ct.us) and [Deirdre\\_Burke@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:Deirdre_Burke@greenwich.k12.ct.us)**

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Child's  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

- HIV/AIDS Education
- Sexual Health Education
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness Education

Parent Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_