



HELLGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4
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2024-2025 ANNUAL NOTICE for GRADES K-8

Dear Families of Hellgate Elementary School Students,

In compliance with Senate Bill 99's definition of human sexuality, students in K-8 will participate in *Speak Up, Be Safe* lessons that may include components of human sexuality education. You will be notified no later than 48 hours prior to instruction of the lessons taught by our school counselors from the *Speak Up, Be Safe* curriculum.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have conversations with their children about the courses they are studying. Hellgate Elementary will make all curriculum materials used in the district's human development and sexuality instruction available for public inspection before using the materials in actual instruction. A separate letter will be sent home before instruction for topics related to human sexuality instruction.

Parents/guardians have the right to withdraw their child from Hellgate Elementary Schools' human sexuality instruction. **If you wish to excuse your child from any portion of the curriculum, you may do so by completing the written request included in this letter to your child's principal or administration assistant.** Please contact your child's school principal if you have additional questions or concerns or want to view the curriculum materials.

We look forward to the opportunity to teach your child this year!

Sincerely,

Molly Blakely, Ed.D. Superintendent
Erin Ellis, Ed.D. Director of Curriculum and Assessment

Hellgate Elementary's Counseling Team
Catie Cook, Grades K-1
Lisa Birnbaum, Grades 2-3
Sarah Schwarz, Grades 4-6
Teige Kolis, Grades 4-6
Brian Hall, Grades 7-8



OPT-OUT NOTICE OF HUMAN SEXUALITY INSTRUCTION

“Human sexuality instruction” means teaching or otherwise providing information about human sexuality, including intimate relationships, human sexual anatomy, sexual reproduction, sexually transmitted infections, sexual acts, sexual orientation, gender identity, abstinence, contraception, or reproductive rights and responsibilities.

As the parent, guardian, or individual responsible for the care of a child, you have the right to have your child excused from this lesson. Your child has the option to be excused for the entire day of school or just for the time the lesson is being taught. We will provide your child with an alternative activity should you choose to have them excused.

To excuse your child from these activities, please complete the section below or contact:

- Farah Ford, Building #1 Admin. Assistant, at 406-549-6109
- Shawna Duffy, Building #2 Admin. Assistant, at 406-721-2160
- Angie Hill, Building #3 Admin. Assistant, at 406-721-2452
- Amanda Pham, Building #4, Middle School Admin. Assistant, at 406-532-4590

Student Name:	Grade:
Teacher:	
Human Sexuality Activities/Instruction for which your child should be excused: Speak Up, Be Safe Lessons	
Dates/Class Periods to be excused:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date: