

## HEALTH EDUCATION

The St. Mary Parish School Board, in accordance with statutory requirements, shall require all students in grades seven through twelve, except those whose religious and/or personal beliefs conflict herewith, to be given instruction in health education including health promotion and sexually transmitted disease prevention according to Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved Grade Level Expectations.

The health and physical education teacher shall provide this instruction as a part of the regular physical education program. The school principal in conjunction with the school counselor and school nurse shall develop a schedule for the instruction to exclude sixth graders and students whose parents opt out of the instruction.

A written statement from the parent or guardian stating there is a conflict with religious beliefs shall be filed with the principal of the school and shared with the school counselor to excuse a student from receiving this instruction.

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