Evergreen Park Community High School 231

Erin's Law Compliance Plan		
Background Information	Erin Merryn, a sexual abuse survivor, has dedicated her advocacy to passing Erin's Law in all 50 states. As of early 2026, the law has been enacted in 38 states and remains pending in 12 others. In Illinois, a task force was established to develop the guidelines outlined below.	
Key Components of Erin's Law	• All public schools in Ilinois must implement a child abuse sexual prevention program in grades PreK through 12. • Programs should teach students to recognize abuse, equip themselves with skills to reduce vulnerability, and encourage them to speak up. • Age-appropriate instruction on personal safety, body boundaries, recognizing unsafe situations, and knowing how and when to report concerns to a trusted adult. • Staff awareness and training on recognizing and responding to concerns. • Parent communication	
Instruction	School Social Workers will present a program to each PE/Health class.	
Accessing Support in the Building	Students can access support in a variety of ways within the school building: • Students may speak with a trusted adult, including a teacher, school counselor, administrator, nurse, or support staff member. • Counselors and social workers are available to provide guidance, support, and follow-up. • Students may request to visit the PPS Office at any time during the school day. • Staff members are trained to respond appropriately and connect students with additional support. • Reports may be made in person or through the anonymous tip line at 708-398-1303. • When concerns are reported, the school follows established protocols to ensure student safety, confidentiality, and provide appropriate support.	
Staff Education	The Erin's Law annual professional development will be completed through GCN, and Social Workers will review this plan with staff annually.	
Resources for Parents and Staff	ISBE	ISBE Erin's Law Task Force - Executive Summary ISBE Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Resource Guide
	Erin's Law	https://www.erinslaw.org/ Resources for Parents Resources for Teachers
	DCFS	1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) https://dcfs.illinois.gov/
	Crisis Center for South Suburbia	24-hour Crisis Hotline: 708-429-7233 CCSS Website
	Pillars Community Health	24-hour Sexual Assault Hotline: 708-482-9600 Pillars Community Health Website
	Child Help	1-800-422-4453 https://www.childhelphotline.org/ Parent Resources Teen Resources