# MARYVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Students in grades 5 through 9 will participate in Family Life classes. This is in compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated 49-6-1301-1307 that mandates that our school system implement a program of Family Life instruction for students. We have endeavored to make this an age-appropriate instructional program following Tennessee's standards. Family Life classes are taught by the Maryville City School System's instructor, Ms. Shanna Lingerfelt. All students will participate in these classes unless a parent/guardian **requests in writing** to exempt his or her son/daughter. The form below may be used to express your desire to exempt your student or to allow them to participate. You may also reply to this email with your decision.

Students may be exempted from the Family Life unit according to T.C.A. 49-6-1305: "A parent or guardian who wishes to excuse a student from any portion of family life shall submit a request, in writing, to the student's instructor, school counselor, or principal. A parent or guardian who wishes to excuse a student from all portions of family life shall submit a request in writing to the student's principal. A student who is excused from any or all portions of family life shall not be penalized for grading purposes if the student satisfactorily performs alternative health lessons."

The Family Life curriculum and materials are available for parents/guardians to review at Coulter Grove Intermediate School in the Library (2025 Sevierville Rd.) on Thursday, August 13th, 2026 from 2:45-4:30 pm, or by appointment beginning Monday, August 3rd. A list of Family Life topics by grade can be found on our district website at www.maryville-schools.org. After reviewing the Family Life curriculum and materials, please notify your student's science teacher or Ms. Lingerfelt by August 21, 2026 if you choose to exempt your student. No additional action is required if you choose for your student to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Lingerfelt at shanna.lingerfelt@maryville-schools.org.

Shanna Lingerfelt
Family Life Instructor
Maryville City Schools

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**FAMILY LIFE INSTRUCTION**

**My child MAY NOT participate_____**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE_____**

**STUDENT NAME_____**


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