

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
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**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION ON
HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND HIV/AIDS**

Instructions: All students are required to have a parent/guardian complete and sign this form and return it to the teacher at the start of the semester.

Student Name (Print) _____ Student No. _____ DOB _____

As stated in Florida Statute 1003.42(3), any student whose parent makes written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment. A student so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption.

Curriculum materials are provided by the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County. Current resources include Making a Difference! An Abstinence-Based Approach to HIV/STD and Teen Pregnancy Prevention. Topics include the following:

- HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases
- Disease Prevention
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention

According to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, science courses in the middle grades include the following topics:

- Reproductive System
- Human Growth and Development

Students will be encouraged to talk with parents/guardians about the various topics that are covered during this course. Parents/guardians are encouraged to initiate discussion with their child about these important topics. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact the School Office at (941) 927-9000 ext. 32101 if they have any specific questions or are in need of clarification regarding the curriculum, resources, and/or materials utilized for the course.

Parents/guardians will be given options for the participation of their child during the class periods of Human Growth Development and HIV/AIDS that will address these required topics.

Select the appropriate option for your child by checking the Option 1 or 2 below and signing this form.

Option 1 – I choose to give permission for my child to be taught at school using district approved materials.

Option 2 – I choose to instruct my child at home.

Return this form to _____ By _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date