



# *Arlington Public Schools*

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## **NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS PARENT NOTIFICATION LAW**

In accordance with the Parental Notification Law relative to sexuality education in schools (MGL 7) Section 32a), the Arlington School Committee has adopted the following policy:

*"It is the policy of the Arlington Public Schools to notify parents and guardians if and when curriculum primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. Parents and guardians may exempt their children from any portion of said curriculum through written notice to the school principal. No child so exempted shall be penalized by reason of such exemption. To the extent practical, program instruction materials for said curricula shall be made reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educators, school administrators and others for inspection and review."*

The Arlington Public Schools Curricula is aligned with the Massachusetts Health Frameworks.

In Grades Kindergarten through six, students participate in the Great Body Shop curriculum, Child Assault Prevention, and Science Studies. The Great Body Shop topics starting in kindergarten include: Injury Prevention, Nutrition, Functions of the Body, Substance Use Prevention, Community Health and Safety, Mental and Emotional Health, Hygiene and Disease Prevention, Environmental and Consumer Health and Physical Fitness. Starting in grade 4, the topics of Growth and Development/The Cycle of Life, HIV/AIDS and Illness Prevention are taught.

Parents who desire additional information or would like to view curricular materials may contact the classroom teacher or Cindy Bouvier, Director of Health, Wellness and Counseling, at 781-316-3570.

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