



Middle Township Middle School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are reaching out to announce the revision of the New Jersey Comprehensive Health and Physical Education standards, as required by the NJ Department of Education. We value the importance of partnering with families as we educate students in the knowledge and skills they need in order to lead a healthy, active life.

Parents/Guardians do have the option of excluding their child from any portion of sexuality/family life education instruction if it is in conflict with their moral or religiously held beliefs. Based on community feedback, we've identified the following standard of potential concern. Instruction of this standard will take place at the end of the Health marking period with the 8th graders.

2.1.8.SSH.9: Define vaginal, oral, and anal sex.

We will be utilizing The Great Body Shop resources to teach the Health curriculum. Information and videos about these materials can be found at:

<https://www.thegreatbodyshop.net/curriculum/middle-school/video>

The Middle School Program Guide

<https://www.thegreatbodyshop.net/curriculum/middle-school/topics>

Any child whose parent or guardian wishes to opt their child out of the above standard and/or other family life or sex education instruction will be excused from that portion of the course by completing the opt out form by September 30, 2022. Your child will be removed from lessons covering the identified opt out content.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. The curriculum will be housed on our district's curriculum web page. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

<https://middletownshippublicschools.org/district/curriculum/>

In addition to the link below, you will also be able to find the opt out form on our curriculum page as well.

<https://forms.gle/z43fx3JrGTe7MNoM6>.

Sincerely,
Jeff Ortman, Principal

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