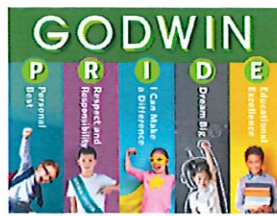


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Dear Parent or Guardian:

In 2020, the New Jersey State Learning Standards (NJSLS) in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education as provided by the NJ Department of Education were revised. Please be assured we value the importance of collaborating with families as we educate students on the knowledge and skills they need in order to lead a healthy, active life.

We invite you to examine and discuss this information with your child, especially content related to gender identity and the human body. The curriculum will be approved prior to the start of the school year and posted on the website however, the standards are available now at:

https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/chp/Docs/2020_NJSLS-CHPE_Kto2.pdf

At the Godwin School, the following topics, as identified in the Standards, will ONLY be taught in Grade 2 (these topics will NOT be taught in kindergarten and first grade):

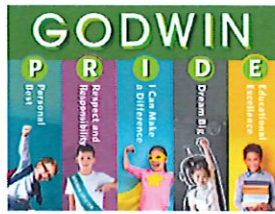
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- Gender identity
- Medical terminology for body parts

Each topic will be taught in one lesson by the health teacher during the dedicated health period. The classroom teacher will not be teaching these topics. The description of each lesson is included in the curriculum.

Although we strongly encourage families to have their children participate in these essential health topics, we want to acknowledge that Parents/Guardians do have the option of excluding their child from any portion of the health instruction if it is in conflict with their conscience, morally or religiously held beliefs (please see the appropriate NJ Statute below.) If this is the case, please complete the Opt-Out Certification form and send it to your child's classroom teacher. Students who are excused will be assigned to a separate classroom for the duration of those identified lessons.

Section: 18A:35-4.7: Parent's statement of conflict with conscience: *Any child whose parent or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instructions in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with his conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom.*

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OPT-OUT CERTIFICATION
Return to the classroom teacher

I wish for my second-grade child, _____, to be excused from
(PRINT legibly)
the following topics of the health education unit due to moral, ethical, and/or religious beliefs:

(Check all that apply)

_____ Reproduction

_____ Gender identity

_____ Medical terminology for body parts

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Sincerely,

Danielle Bache
Principal