

Human Sexuality Parent Notification Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians:

State law requires that parents be notified in writing of a district's intent to offer a human sexuality curriculum.

Wylie ISD wishes to inform you that your student will be exposed to an abstinence education program beginning in 6th grade. The Wellness and Sexual Health program developed by Scott & White Healthcare (formerly known as *Worth the Wait*) promotes abstinence as the healthiest choice for adolescents. The program is founded on medical, legal, psychological, and socioeconomic information regarding adolescent health risk behaviors. The presentations are carefully scripted to be appropriate for each grade level and included detailed vocabulary pertaining to sexually transmitted diseases and their transmission. More information on the program can be found at <http://www.sw.org/wellness-sexual-health/wellness-sexual-health>.

In Wylie, this abstinence education program curriculum is delivered in 6th grade, 7th grade, and in high school Health courses.

Parents have the right to opt out of having their student participate in the program. In order to exercise that right, parents should contact the campus principal.

Title 2, Chapter 28, Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code requires school districts to have a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). SHAC is an advisory group of individuals who represent the community. In the spring of 2013, the Wylie ISD SHAC reviewed human sexuality curriculum options and chose the Wellness and Sexual Health program for use in Wylie. Questions regarding SHAC or information on how parents can join SHAC should be addressed to Amy Hillin, Coordinator of Health Services, at 972-429-2373 or Amy.Hillin@Wylieisd.net.

Questions about the human sexuality curriculum and/or requirements should be addressed to Kerry Gain, Director of Curriculum at 972-429-3013 or Kerry.Gain@Wylieisd.net.