



Cinnaminson Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you and your family are enjoying a wonderful summer thus far with opportunities to relax and have fun.

As we approach a new school year, I wanted to advise parents that the New Jersey Department of Education recently revised their academic standards for a number of content areas including Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. These [updated standards](#) are to be implemented during the coming school year.

The Cinnaminson School District recognizes that parents/guardians are the primary family life educators for their children. As we acknowledge that there may be topics that are uncomfortable for some, our district has always worked with parents/guardians who wish to exercise the option of excluding their child from any portion of family life/sexual health education if it is in conflict with their conscience or religiously-held beliefs.

Our district has revised our curriculum documents to reflect the new standards, while still focusing on the traditional areas of our health program. Parents and guardians can view all of our curriculum documents on our [district website](#). Although our district is required to incorporate all standards into our curriculum documents, we determine the manner in which those topics are taught and the amount of time that should be allocated for those topics. There is neither a state-mandated curriculum nor are there instructional materials or lessons that districts are required to use. **Our teachers will continue to present topics in an age and developmentally-appropriate manner.**

Reading the new standards in isolation or even the curriculum documents can certainly leave questions about how certain topics will be covered. Any parent or guardian who has questions about our health curriculum and the manner in which any topics will be taught should contact our Supervisor of Health & Physical Education, Mr. Matt Digney at 856-829-7770 ext. 3889, digneym@cinnaminson.com; or me at 856-829-7600 ext. 2145, goulburnf@cinnaminson.com.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. § 18A:35-4.7, any parents or guardians who wish to opt out their child(ren) from any portions of the family life/sexual health portion of the curriculum should contact their child's principal in writing with their intent to exercise this option. A follow-up conversation can be expected with the school to discuss your concerns and to make plans for alternate activities.

I hope you enjoy the remaining weeks of summer.

Sincerely,

Frank Goulburn, Ed.D.
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