



# Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

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Dear Parents,

As part of our middle school health program, a unit on family life/human sexuality education is taught. Developed by a school district curriculum committee, this 3-4 week unit emphasizes families and human growth, development, and sexuality and is taught to all fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students during the semester in which they have Health. The importance of accurate information, along with the development of a positive self-concept, effective interpersonal relationships, and decision-making skills, are essential components of this health unit, which is an extension of our elementary school family life units.

The fifth and seventh grade family life units contain lessons about AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). School districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are required to provide instruction about AIDS at the elementary, middle and senior high school levels. Included as part of instruction are the ways in which the disease is transmitted, how the infection can be prevented and the current lack of a cure for the disease.

Parents may decide if their child will participate in the family life unit, copies of which are available for parent and public review at all of the Tredyffrin/Easttown school libraries and at the Tredyffrin, Easttown, and Paoli public libraries. Alternative health projects will be provided for students who do not participate in the family life unit. Please send a note to your child's principal if you choose not to have your child participate in the unit.

We trust that this unit provides our students with valuable information, assistance and guidance during this period of change in their lives.

Sincerely,

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