

Human, Growth and Development
&
HIV/AIDS Prevention Education
2020-2021 School Year

-Parent Preview and Opt-Out Option-

The Columbia School District will be offering a classroom presentation on Human, Growth and Development (Puberty) to 5th/6th grade students and a HIV/AIDS Prevention Education presentation to each of the 5th-12th grade classes sometime in late May 2021.

Parents/guardians have the opportunity to preview the videos and instructional materials in advance. These materials are on the WA state approved list of materials and may help you and your student have a meaningful discussion both before and after the classroom presentation.

Washington State passed legislation in 1988 to provide HIV/AIDS Prevention Education in schools in response to the growing epidemic world-wide. The HIV presentations are age-appropriate and cover what HIV/AIDS is, how it is spread and how it is best prevented.

Following a preview of the materials, state law provides that parents/guardians wishing to excuse their student from participation in either the Puberty Ed or HIV/AIDS Prevention Ed may sign an opt-out form and return it to the school office.

The curriculum will be presented by our school nurse, Nicole Hendrickson, RN. Any questions or concerns may be directed through our school office.

Link to Puberty Video- Girls:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OR1XJZ0xRSo&t=14s>

Link to Puberty Video- Boys:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G57Suq7JpQE&t=8s>

Link to HIV Prevention Video for 5th/6th grades:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2J7bH1JQ40&t=8s>

Link to HIV Prevention Video for 7th-12th grades

(Using first half of Video Only stopping at 11:40):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZixbZVnvt4E>

Please note:

The administration and board are reviewing the state legislation passed in March 2020 pertaining to Comprehensive Sexual Health Education. No changes have been made at present. In accordance with the state roll-out timeline; curriculum requirements will be adopted after thorough review by the administration, the school board and with consideration of parent/guardian input.