



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY  
ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

## Human Growth and Development Study Exemption

Read the information provided below carefully. Complete and sign this form if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the Human Growth and Development Curriculum at your school. This form must be returned to your child's school ONLY if you do not want your child to participate in the curriculum.

Student #	Student First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Grade
Teacher		School		

The School District of Palm Beach County plans to teach a unit on Human Growth and Development in May. The District will be using the Human Growth and Development unit which was adopted by the School Board of Palm Beach County in 1993, revised in 1996, and updated as needed. As per Florida Statute 1003.42, the unit has been approved by the State Board of Education.

You are welcome, and encouraged, to review the curriculum and the supporting instructional materials at your child's school or on the District's website at: [https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students\\_parents/reproductive\\_health\\_and\\_disease\\_education](https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/reproductive_health_and_disease_education). We recommend that you discuss these materials at home. Your child may bring home assignments to do with an adult in the family. These assignments are optional. They are also confidential; students will not be required to report back what you have discussed. The purpose of these assignments is to give you a chance to communicate with one another about these important topics.

Children need specific and realistic information concerning human growth and development, interpersonal relationships, and pregnancy and disease prevention to better prepare them for adulthood. While the places of worship, school, and other community agencies have a role in supporting the effort of parents/caregivers, it is recognized that the basic responsibility for human growth and development education belongs in the home. The school can present factual information, but parents/caregivers can give these facts their personal, spiritual, and emotional quality.

The District respects your parental rights and your role in presenting information in this sensitive and delicate area. Florida Statute 1003.42, Section 5 says:

*Any students whose parent makes written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or any disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment. A student so exempted may not be penalized by reason of that exemption.*

If you choose not to have your child participate in the Human Growth and Development unit, they will be given an alternate assignment out of the classroom. Materials are available to help facilitate conversations at home with your child about these topics. Contact your child's school to get a copy of the Human Growth and Development parent materials. The parent component includes copies of selected materials created for the classroom.

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Signature of Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**I have read and understand this form concerning the Human Growth and Development Curriculum. I, the parent/legal guardian of the above named child, DO NOT give my consent for my child to participate in the Human Growth and Development curriculum lessons.**

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Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian or  
Student 18 years of age or older

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian or  
Student 18 years of age or older

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Date

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