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New Haven Public Schools Health Permission Form

The State Board of Education passed an opt-in policy for all students taking health in regards to sex education. For a student to take the sex education curriculum at a middle schools in the state of Connecticut, the parent or guardian must sign a permission form that states that they grant permission for their student to be exposed to the district’s local sex education curriculum. Topics that will be taught in the sex education portion of our health class consists of information to prevent the spread of AIDS and sexually transmitted infections. The curriculum aims to provide information, skills, vulnerability and personal impact to prevent the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections among young people. If you feel that you do not want your student to participate in this portion of the health curriculum, then we can provide resources for you to use at home as a tool for you as parents/guardians to decide what you want to teach your student. At school, your student will be working on alternate assignments related to health education. Thank you for taking time to consider this important decision.

- I give permission for my student, _____, to participate in the sex education program at New Haven Public Schools.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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- I **do not** give permission for my student, _____, to participate in the sex education program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Phone



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CONNECTICUT STATE LAWS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION

Connecticut CONN. GEN. STAT. § 10-16c Directs the state board to develop curriculum guides to aid local and regional boards of education in developing family life education programs within the public schools. The curriculum guides must include information on developing a curriculum that includes family planning; human sexuality; parenting; nutrition; and the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic and social aspects of family life. The curriculum guides may not include information pertaining to abortion as an alternative to family planning.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 10-19 Local and regional boards of education are required to offer planned, ongoing and systematic instruction on AIDS taught by legally qualified teachers. Local and regional boards must adopt policies concerning the exemption of students from instruction upon written request of a parent or guardian. The state board is required to make materials available to assist local and regional boards of education in developing instruction under this policy.