



Katy Independent School District

Counseling Parent Notification Letter

Passed during the 87th (2nd) Legislative Session, SENATE BILL 9 (SEN. HUFFMAN|WEST) requires schools beginning in the 2022-23 school year to educate students on child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking. This instruction must be given at least once in middle school and again in high school. These topics are also included in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for elementary, middle, and high school health education.

Under Texas statute, parents must choose to “opt-in” their child to participate in the lessons that address child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking. Parents and guardians will receive an email on March 27, 2023, with an electronic opt-in link to record their decision.

Parent Opt-In Window: March 27th – April 6th

Parents may elect to change their selection during the March 27 - April 6 window by emailing changemyrequest@katyisd.org.

Elementary and junior high school counselors will deliver the lesson on abuse and violence to students in 5th-8th grade. Students currently enrolled in high school Health will receive instruction on the required health TEKS specific to human growth and development, abuse, and violence.

Instruction Window: May 1 - May 19

The high school health curriculum is available to review on each campus by request.

[Review the elementary and junior high school guidance lessons.](#)

Email instructionalresources@katyisd.org with questions regarding the curriculum.