



Dear Parent/Guardian:

In response to the requirements of Section 22.1-207.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, instruction in Prince William County Public Schools includes a comprehensive, sequential, abstinence-based, age-appropriate, Family Life Education curriculum.

Although the Family Life Education curriculum is highly compatible with existing curricula and serves to enrich the educational experiences of students in Prince William County Public Schools, objectives in the Family Life Education curriculum may be considered sensitive by some parents/guardians. Therefore, parents are afforded the opportunity to opt their children out of instruction involving this curriculum. *Unless you indicate otherwise, your child will be included in instruction that involves Family Life Education.*

Family Life Education objectives for each grade level and course are available at your child's school and online at <http://pwcs.science.schoolfusion.us/>. If you have questions pertaining to specific objectives before making opt-out decisions, please contact your child's school. If you determine that your child should not be included in formal instruction, complete the opt-out section of this letter and return it to your child's school. Arrangements will then be made for your child to participate in an appropriate instructional activity during instruction involving Family Life Education objectives. This instructional activity will not include components of the Family Life Education program. Parents or guardians transferring children to schools in Prince William County are responsible for informing the new school of their opt-out decisions.

For students receiving Family Life Education instruction in special education classrooms, appropriate grade/subject level objectives will be determined by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) committee and recorded on the IEP form. If the parent/guardian does not wish their child to receive instruction in Family Life Education objectives selected by the IEP committee, the parent/guardian should sign the opt-out form.

Any parent/guardian may opt their child out of direct Family Life Education instruction; however, teachers cannot be held responsible for spontaneous questions from students that may pertain to subjects previously discussed. Neither can a teacher be held accountable for discussions of sensitive topics that occur among students outside class.

Jason Calhoun  
*Supervisor of Science and Family Life Education*

It is recognized that some families would prefer to have instruction related to Family Life Education provided in the home, in the church, or by the family physician. Every effort will be made to ensure that students understand and respect family choices in this matter so as to avoid undue peer pressure for or against the program.

Sincerely,



Jason Calhoun  
Supervisor of Science and Family Life Education

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**Complete and return this section only if you choose to opt your child out of Family Life Education instruction.**

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE / COURSE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please exempt the above named student from participation in Family Life Education instruction on the objectives listed below. I understand that he/she will be given alternative instruction or skill development activities.**

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PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_