

Attention 8th grade parents

If you are receiving this letter, you have a child that is currently enrolled in 8th grade health. One important aspect of 8th grade health is the inclusion of a sex education/disease prevention course taught by a Grady Healthcare professional, and funded by the Atlanta Public Schools. Below you will see an outline of the topics being covered. If you feel your child should not be included, please sign the bottom of this form. If you agree to allow your child to participate, no further action is needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 404-802-5600. This information is also included on a website located at <http://tinyurl.com/2w8abn8> under the 8th grade health tab.

Topics to be covered according to Georgia 8th grade health standards:

8:7 recognizes that sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, are communicable diseases.

8:9 Identifies and explains the ways in which HIV/AIDS is transmitted and identifies behaviors that increase the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.

8:11 recognizes the importance of individuals abstaining from premarital sex and intravenous drug use to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

8:12 Identifies methods of preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and discusses whether or not they are effective. (No birth control devices will given to students.)

8:13 recognizes that abstaining from sexual activity and refraining from intravenous drug use are the most effective methods of preventing HIV/AIDS.

8:14 Recognizes abstinence from sexual activity as the only sure method of preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease.

8:18 Identifies ways of resisting persuasive tactics regarding sexual involvement (e.g., saying “no”, negotiation, using refusal, and decision making skills).

8:19 Identifies social, emotional, intellectual, and economic effects of dating.

I _____ choose **NOT** to have my student _____,
participate in _____ sex ed/disease prevention unit.

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

