



Dear Parent/Guardian,

In 2014, the State of South Carolina passed Act 293 known as “Erin’s Law,” as part of health and safety education for its public schools. The purpose of the law is to ensure all students, prekindergarten through high school, receive this prevention instruction during the academic school year. The intent of Erin’s Law is to give students skills in knowing how to stay safe from sexual assault and how to report any incidents of sexual assault. In addition, in 2023 Gavin’s Law was passed requiring local school districts to collaborate with the State Department of Education, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and the Attorney General's office, to implement a policy to educate and notify students of the provisions of Gavin’s Law which educate students on how to identify sexual extortion.

Beginning in 2014, instructional units were written as a resource guide for teachers to implement Erin’s Law. In 2023, Gavin's Law instructional content was added to the already established Erin's Law lessons to include online safety for elementary students, implications of taking and sharing inappropriate pictures or videos electronically for middle school students, and implications of digital crimes and how to help victims of sexual extortion for high school students. These units are aligned with the South Carolina Academic Health and Safety Education Standards. Lesson content varies from grade to grade. A copy of each lesson is available at your child’s school for you to preview if you choose.

What is Gavin’s Law? <https://youtu.be/5NwZOmKThu4>

Parents and Gavin’s Law <https://youtu.be/lcTa66fC9ao>

Implementing Gavin’s Law <https://youtu.be/rrIj53ArCrU>

Sometime over the course of each school year your child will be presented one lesson by the school counselor. The lesson content is not part of sexuality education and only discusses age appropriate health and safety education.

If you have any further questions after you have previewed the materials please contact your child’s counselor.