



Kiser Middle
"Expect Excellence."



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**MISSION
STATEMENT:**
Kiser Middle School will provide a cohesive learning community in which all decisions are made in the best interest of its stakeholders. During their middle school years, students will demonstrate maximum academic, social and emotional growth in order to be 21st century leaders.




November 14, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to a new school year of Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life. I hope you and your student had a wonderful summer and start to the 2022-2023 academic school year.

I have been living a dream teaching middle school students about puberty for nearly thirty years! I am "all in for student success"! Even with the challenges of the current educational landscape, the feeling of watching my students have that "aha" learning moment never gets old. I am passionate about forging relationships with students that build a sense of confidence and enable them to grow as learners.

As we prepare for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, we need to be mindful of the upcoming flu season in addition to the fact that Covid 19 remains an ongoing public health threat. CDC (Centers for Disease Control) acknowledges that the pandemic is not over, and the revised Covid Guidelines will help us to move to a point where it no longer severely disrupts our daily lives. Parents, please continue to can help your child to stay healthy in school, by encouraging them to maintain good nutrition, get adequate sleep, and exercise. Wearing a mask is also an option. 

Health Education is required for all students in North Carolina Public Schools. Health Education and Physical Education should be divided equally throughout the academic school year. All students will receive lessons within the Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life Curriculum.

Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life is a standard portion of North Carolina's Health Curriculum. Your child will be taking **Reproductive Health and Safety Education/Family Life Classes** on or around **Wednesday, November 30, 2022**. Guilford County School's Reproductive Health and Safety Education classes are based on the philosophy of **Abstinence until Marriage** and that parents are the primary sexuality educators of their children.

Reproductive Health and Safety Education is seen as a partnership among parents/guardians, school, and community. The curriculum shall encourage the involvement and acceptance of each. The role of the school is to supplement and assist in the education of the child encouraging learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community. Students are encouraged to discuss information received in the classroom with parents or guardians at home. *Homework assignments in grades 7th and 8th require parent signatures to assist in bridging the gap in communication of classroom lessons. This requirement provides opportunities for parent and student interaction.*

In preparation for Reproductive Health and Safety Education student instruction, a Parent Preview Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022, in the Health Classroom #112. The parent preview is intended to provide an overview of the required Common Core Essential Standard Goals and Objectives of the N.C. Standard Course of Study. The session will be for parents of all students in grades sixth through eighth. The Parent Preview Meeting is not required but is encouraged. I will be available to answer any questions regarding the grade level curricula. **If you plan to attend, please be sure to check - in the school's Main Office first.**

There will be a morning session for Grade 6 parents ONLY to attend. Parents can visit between the hours of 9: 30 – 11:30 am at your convenience.

Parents of students in grades 7-8 can visit to preview the curriculum between the hours of 1:00– 4:00 pm at your convenience. Grade 6 parents who missed the morning session may also attend during this time as well. **Please attend during a convenient time.**

6th Grade – ONLY 3-4 Days of instruction include: Communication Do's and Don'ts, Conflict Resolution, Good Decision Making, Passive, Aggressive and Assertive Behavior emphasizing the importance of being "Assertive" to resist peer pressure, Active listening Skills, using "I" statements when communicating, Friendship Qualities (Video entitled "Friendship Soup")
What is the recipe for friendship? In this video, kids describe the ingredients that go into making friends. Social, Emotional, and typical Physical changes of puberty are also taught.
Grades 7th – 8th includes 10-13 days of instruction based on the A/B Day schedule.



CDC revised guidelines represent an increasing focus on individuals making their own decision about their level of risk and how they want to mitigate that risk. People may choose to mask at any time. CDC is putting less emphasis on social distancing – and the new guidance has dropped the "6-foot" standard. As of today, Guilford County Community COVID-19 level is LOW. But people may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

All students will be enrolled in the Standard Reproductive Health and Safety Education/ Family Life Classes unless a letter written from the parent or guardian stating otherwise is submitted to the Health/PE teacher by **Wednesday, November 30, 2022.**

I am excited to have students back in the classroom and filling it with energy and enthusiasm for learning. I appreciate any comments you have about the Reproductive Health and Safety Education/ Family Life Education materials.

If you are unable to attend the Parent Preview, or have questions or need additional information, please contact me at **336-370--8240** or email – haileyc@gcsnc.com.

Please visit North Carolina Department of Public Instructions, Healthful Living – Health Education Essential Standards Grades 6-8 website at (www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/healthfuliving/scos/#healthful) to view the uniform set of learning standards included in the curriculum for public schools in North Carolina.

Thank you for your support in this very important learning experience for your student.

Sincerely,

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Please call if you have questions about the grade level curriculum lesson plans.

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