



**Northern
Guilford Middle**
"Expect Excellence Everyday"

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MISSION STATEMENT-
Dedicated to creating a nurturing environment for all students. Our goal is to inspire students to develop the skills needed to take control of their lives and actions and to improve the quality of life for themselves, their community, and their world.




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August 19, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome "Nighthawk Nation" to the new school year! We will begin the 2024-2025 school year with the "Strength, Confidence, Courage, Grace and Power of a night Hawk". 

I hope that your summer was filled with many new adventures and special family memories!

My name is Cathy Hailey, and I am the Reproductive Health and Safety Education/Family Life Teacher here at Northern Guilford Middle School. I have been here since the doors first opened in 2006 with only Grade 6 students. I am now teaching the children of students that I once taught!

I am a two-time recipient of North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Sport Management (NCAAHPERD-SM) and Guilford County Schools "Middle School Health Educator of the Year Award". Being selected as an NCAAHPERD-SM "Middle School Teacher of the Year (TOY)" is one of the highest honors within the profession. Winning at the state level allowed me to be eligible to compete for the SHAPE Southern District (TOY) and receive National (TOY) recognition.

I am so excited to see returning students and parents and getting to know new students and parents as well. Having at home support and open lines of communication is an essential part of a successful school year. Together, we make a difference. I love nurturing each student's love for learning. I feel lucky to have a job that I am passionate about.

Health Education is required for all students in North Carolina Public Schools. Reproductive Health and Safety Education is a portion of the required health. Health 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 as 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 Tuesday, September 3, 2024**. 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 student instruction, a Parent Preview Meeting will be held Friday, August 30, 2024, in the school's Media Center. The parent preview meeting 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 it is encouraged.**

Please visit North Carolina Department of Public Instructions, Healthful Living Section Grades 6-8 Essential Standards website at: www.dpi.nc.gov to view the uniform set of learning standards included in the curriculum for public schools in North Carolina.



NOTE: If you plan to attend the curriculum preview, check into the Main Office first.

AM SESSION: There will be a morning session for Grade 6 parents ONLY to attend. Grade 6 parents can quickly visit between the hours of 9:30 – 11:30 am. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30, but you can attend during a time that is convenient to you until 11:30 am.



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PM SESSION: Parents of students in grades 7-8 can quickly visit to preview the curriculum between the hours of 1:00– 4:00 pm. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 pm, but you are welcome to attend at a time that is convenient to you until 4:00 pm.

****Grade 6 parents who missed the AM session may also attend the PM session between the hours of (1:00 – 4:00 pm). 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. Hygiene, Social, Emotional, and the Physical change of puberty is also taught.

Grades 7th – 8th includes 10-13 days of instruction based on the A-Week /B-Week. schedule.

Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life Lessons will be taught through Health/P.E. classes. Students will rotate into the Reproductive Health and Safety Education class (as a standard portion of N.C. required Health) throughout the academic school year based on rotation dates.

Teaching about puberty makes me have elevated expectations for each student. I strive to provide a positive and safe environment that is conducive to learning. After teaching for more than 30 years, I have become very aware of the impact teachers can have on the lives of their students. I support parents in helping their students to make good decisions and stand by their decisions. Effective parent communication is a vital factor in a child’s education. When parents and teachers communicate well with one another, we can support your student’s learning together. The curriculum lessons are designed to allow you, as the parent, the opportunity to educate your student based on your family morals, values, and religion. All lessons will be engaging and thrilling!

As we prepare to return to school for the 2024-2025 academic school year, we need to be mindful of the upcoming flu season in addition to the fact that Covid 19 remains an ongoing public health threat. A new variant of COVID-19, known as FLiRT, is now the most dominant strain in the U.S. This variant evolved from the omicron strain. If you attend the parent preview meeting, you may choose to mask at any time. CDC is putting less emphasis on social distancing. CDC still advises that people who are in close contact to those with COVID maintain a routine testing regimen, and anyone who assesses positive should remain home.

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 **Tuesday, September 3, 2024.**

I appreciate any comments you have about the Reproductive Health and Safety Education/ Family Life Education materials. Thank you for your support in this especially important learning experience for your student. Please feel free to visit my web page: Northern web site page 2 Staff Directory. This link should take you directly to the site: <http://www.gcsnc.com/Page/36976>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at **336-605-3342.**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cathy Hailey

**Former North Carolina (NCAHPERD-SM) and
Guilford County Schools Health Educator of the Year**

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**Preview Meeting
Friday,
August 30, 2024
Please call if you
are unable to
attend or have
questions.**

