

SAMPLE LETTER: PARENT ORIENTATION
(Use School Letterhead)

Date

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We will soon begin a meaningful unit in the health education curriculum entitled Family Life and Human Sexuality. The Howard County Public School System provides instruction in Family Life and Human Sexuality in grades five through nine. Due to the sensitive nature of this instruction, as directed by the Maryland State Regulation (COMAR 13A.04.18.03), written parental permission is required prior to student participation in the unit. A list of unit objectives is attached to assist you as you make a decision about your child's participation in this portion of the Health Education curriculum. A preview of the Family Life and Human Sexuality unit and instructional materials will be held in our school on the following date:

As always, we support you as the primary sexuality educator for your child and value your ability to place this information in a moral context.

Any student who does not have parental permission to participate in the Family Life and Human Sexuality unit will be provided with an independent alternative, Health Education Enrichment unit or another mutually agreed upon activity by the student and family. The length of time spent on the alternate lessons will be the same number of days as the Family Life and Human Sexuality unit. More information will be sent home with students who are excused.

If you need additional information about this unit please contact the school or the Office of Health, Physical Education, and Dance at (410) 313-7015.

Attachment