

May 1, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you may be aware, the State of Tennessee's Curriculum Standards for High School Lifetime Wellness includes Sexuality and Family Life. The Standard states that students "will examine human sexuality (e.g., biology, behavior, responsibilities, attitudes) and recognize the influence of society and family values on decision making." This information can be found on the State Department of Education's website at the following address: https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/std_pe_lifetime-wellness.pdf (Sexuality and Family Life Standard begins on the bottom of p. 18 of the pdf, and continues on p. 19).

In an effort to include this information in University High School's curriculum, we have partnered with ETSU's Quillen College of Medicine. Next week (scheduled for May 8 & 12), representatives from the College of Medicine will present material to our Wellness classes, including:

- abstinence as the best and only way that is 100% effective against pregnancy and STDs;
- discussion of current options for birth control and the pros and cons of each, including common reasons for lack of use (side effects, access to care, etc.) and ways to overcome those problems, effectiveness, satisfaction, mechanism of action, and ease of use;
- Common STI/STDs (Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, HPV, etc.) will be covered, as well as prevention, testing, transmission, and treatment. The presentation by the College of Medicine will include graphic photos of infections (including "private" areas) and emphasize how to prevent contracting an STI/STDs.

Should you feel that you do NOT want your student to attend this presentation, sign below and return to me by Friday, May 5. Those students who do not attend will receive an alternate assignment.

Regards,

Coach Penley
University High School
Wellness Instructor

I do NOT want my child to attend this presentation. Please make alternate arrangements during this time.

STUDENT NAME

PARENT/GUADIAN SIGNATURE

DATE