



Dear 7-12th grade caregivers,

During the 2022-23 school year, the Worcester Public Schools will be implementing Advocates for Youth's *Rights, Respect, Responsibility*, an evidence-informed sexual health and relationships education unit within a health education curriculum. This district-approved curriculum is mapped to national standards, is age-appropriate, medically accurate, and taught by licensed health teachers using the best practices for health education. It is designed to support students to build healthy relationships, to communicate effectively, to make good decisions about keeping safe, and to treat themselves and others with dignity and respect.

Instructional materials for the *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* curriculum are available for review on the Worcester Public Schools website. The details of the lessons, including instructional materials, will also be available at **your school** during Know Your School Night on **date**. At that time you will have the opportunity to meet and hear from your child's Health teacher.

Worcester Public Schools is committed to partnering with caregivers in supporting and educating their children, providing opportunities to learn about the health curriculum, and providing supplementary instructional materials to support at-home conversations about your child's health and well-being.

Caregivers may choose to opt their student out of the sexual health education unit (Mass.Gen.Laws Ch.71§ 32A). If you do not want your student to participate in this unit, please send in the form below. If you are undecided, you are welcome to wait until after you meet with your child's Health teacher. If no form is received, the student will be included in all units of Health.

We look forward to partnering with you and your children to teach them essential life skills.

Sincerely,

Principal's Signature

Principal's Name
Principal

Teacher's Signature

Teacher's Name
Health Teacher

Check **ONE**:

- ☐ I **WANT** my child to participate in *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* lessons.
- ☐ I **DO NOT WANT** my child to participate in *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* lessons.

Printed Student Name

Parent Signature

Date

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