

KENTUCKY COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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MEMO TO: All 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Parents
FROM: Teachers of the Life Skills Elective
SUBJECT: Unit on Human Sexuality

In Life Skills we will do a unit on human sexuality. The specific topic for each grade level is described below. Classes are taught to males and females separately.

6th Grade

Physical body changes--

Students are taught the physical changes that accompany puberty in males and females. The filmstrips "The New Me: Accepting Body Changes" are shown and discussed. Students are encouraged to ask questions openly or anonymously (via a question box).

7th Grade

Physical body changes; human reproduction; sex stereotyping--

The material covered in 6th grade is reviewed, then followed with a filmstrip on human reproduction, early fetal development, and birth. Again students are encouraged to ask questions openly or anonymously.

The topic of sex stereotyping is explored via a few written activities and discussion.

8th Grade

Living as a sexual being--

After a brief review of 6th and 7th grade topics, students explore what the term sexuality means in a broader sense. Songs which express attitudes and anxieties of being female and male in today's society are analyzed and discussed. An emphasis is placed on students' clarifying their attitudes concerning their relationships with their peers of either sex.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the sexuality unit, please call the school. There is no penalty for nonparticipation.