

# HACKETTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The State of New Jersey has mandated that a comprehensive health education program be provided to all students in the public schools, including HIV prevention education and family life education. The Hackettstown School District provides this program through a coordinated sequential elementary and secondary curriculum with instructional units appropriate to the age, growth and development and maturity of the pupils. [Core Curriculum Content Standard 2.4]

In order to complete the health program's course of study, a student is required to participate in all areas of the curriculum. *Family Life Education* and/or *HIV/AIDS* are units of study in which the parent/guardian can choose to have his/her child be excused from that portion of the course. No penalties shall result from being excused.

If you prefer that your child not receive instruction in *Family Life Education* and/or *HIV/AIDS*, please return this form to the main office by September 5, 2008. Your signature will validate your wish to have your child be excused from these units of study. Alternate health topics will be provided for the student to research and study not related to *Family Life Education* and/or *HIV/AIDS*.

A copy of the health curriculum and list of instructional materials for each grade level is available to you by contacting Robert Grauso, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, at 850-6518. Materials are available for review upon request.

Sincerely,

Brian Purzak, Ed.D.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I **do not** want my child to participate in the *Family Life Education* unit of the health curriculum. It is understood that alternate health topics will be assigned for research and study not related to *Family Life Education*.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **do not** want my child to participate in the *HIV/AIDS* unit of the health curriculum. It is understood that alternate health topics will be assigned for research and study not related to *HIV/AIDS* education.

**This form needs to be returned only if you are checking one of the above.**

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_