

February 8, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Elementary School Students:

Students in grades K-6 participate in Family Life Education (FLE) instruction through their classroom teacher. Students in Kindergarten through grade three receive instruction in an emotional and social health unit. Students in grades 4-6 receive instruction in a human growth and development unit and an emotional and social health unit. For more information about the FCPS Family Life Education program, please see the detailed grade-level program descriptions at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/elementary-family-life-education-fle>.

In addition, grade level-specific curriculum lessons are available for review online in FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard) Parent View - includes lessons and media titles that FCPS has streaming rights for.

- o Parents/guardians will need a SIS account to access FCPS 24-7 <https://fcps.blackboard.com/>. Account information is available at your local school or online at <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/fcps-24-7-learning>

You are invited to attend an evening opportunity to preview the Family Life Education media and lessons and to talk with school staff about the program. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** Parents/guardians already have access to the content at any time but school staff will be available to answer any questions during this preview night.

Parents/guardians who do not wish to have their child participate in FLE instruction may choose to opt their child out of any or all the lessons. If you would like to opt your child out of one or more lessons, please fill out the form found online at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/elementary-family-life-education-fle>. If you have already indicated your desire to opt your child out of FLE lessons by using the form provided earlier in the school year, you do not need to complete another form. Should you opt your child out and then later decide you want your child included in FLE instruction, you must notify your child's teacher in writing before instruction begins.

An alternative non-FLE health instructional program will be provided for children who do not take part in FLE instruction, and every effort is made to foster understanding and respect for family choices and to avoid peer pressure for or against participation in the program.

Instruction occurs at various times for the instructional units during the school year. Please contact your child's teacher for specific dates of FLE instruction. We look forward to working as your partner in providing information that will help your child make healthy choices related to the exciting changes and new challenges he/she will be facing in the next few years.

Sincerely,



Courtney Korb
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