



Community Consolidated School District 46

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Dear CCSD 46 Families,

We hope our families are enjoying all of the gifts that summer can bring, including lazy days, time with family and friends, and maybe some new adventures! Even though there is plenty of summer left, we have some 22-23 school year information that we want to share with you now.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 10 -- Parent Portal in Infinite Campus will open so that families can view student schedules/teacher assignments

August 17 -- First Day of School for Grades 1 - 8

August 18 -- First Day of School for Kindergarten

August 22 -- First Day of School for Early Childhood Center

August 30 & 31 -- Back to School Night for GMS

September 1 -- Back to School Night for Frederick

September 6 & 8 -- Back to School Night for Park Campus

September 8 -- Back to School Night for Avon, Meadowview, Prairieview, and Woodview

HEALTH EDUCATION

The State of Illinois passed the "Keeping Kids Safe & Healthy" act in August of 2021 ([Senate Bill 0818](#)). This bill calls for updated curriculum that provides personal health and safety education from kindergarten through fifth grade and comprehensive sexual health education from sixth through 12th grade. The bill also requires that the curriculum be set in alignment with the National Sex Education Standards.

In June, the State of Illinois adopted the [National Sex Education Standards](#) for Illinois schools. The Illinois standards are called *The Illinois Learning Standards for Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education*. School districts that teach sex education are required to use the new standards for instruction. CCSD 46 has a sex education curriculum for grades 6-8 and will now use the National Sex Education Standards to modify the curriculum in grades 6-8. The new standards are created for grades K-8, however CCSD 46 only teaches sex education in grades 6-8. The curriculum using the new standards will not be taught in grades K-5. Additional information regarding the new standards can be found on the [Illinois State Board of Education website](#).

This past school year we worked with our Middle School Health Staff (grades 6-8) to find an age appropriate resource that meets the requirements. This resource is ETR HealthSmart. It was approved by the CCSD 46 Board of Education this past spring and will be implemented this coming school year. Modules include instruction on nutrition, physical activity, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, emotional and mental health, first aid, teen dating violence, bullying, Erin's Law (sexual abuse prevention), puberty, pregnancy prevention and HIV and STI's. If you are interested in reviewing these materials, please contact Amanda Woodruff at woodruff.amanda@d46.org to set up an appointment in order to see how the topics in the National Sex Education Standards will be addressed in our school district.

With respect to K-5 Health, the new standards will not be part of our instruction. Our current health topics for K-5 includes instruction on healthy eating choices, physical activity, making safe and healthy choices (including hand washing, limiting the spread of disease, bicycle safety, etc.), Erin's Law (sexual abuse prevention) and what to do in the event of an emergency (including fire, weather, etc.).

Understanding that some families wish to have sex education information taught at home, families may choose to opt-out of sex education at school for their children. Families will need to do this each year they wish to opt out. Illinois School Code and CCSD 46 Board Policy does allow for families to opt their children out of the sex education. Families must opt their children out in writing (can be via email) each year to the building principal.

Please watch for additional information from the district as we modify our scope and sequence for grades 6-8 to align with the new state standards.

ONGOING COMMUNICATION

Please watch your email during the second week in August for communications from the individual schools with more information regarding the start of school. Wishing you all a wonderful second half of your summer. We will keep the communication going!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Glickman
Superintendent
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