



# KEANSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Although we encourage families to have their child participate in essential health topics, New Jersey and Keansburg Schools allow parents/guardians to opt-out of any portion of the health curriculum if they feel it conflicts with their sincerely held religious or moral beliefs. In this case, a student will be assigned alternate lessons to complete in lieu of the district curriculum. (\*Please see the appropriate NJ Statute below). If you choose to opt your child out of any part of the health curriculum, please fill out the exclusion form below and return it to your child's teacher. Students who are excused will be assigned to a separate classroom for the duration of those lessons.

Section: 18A:35-4.7: Parent's statement of conflict with conscience: Any child whose parent or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instructions in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with his conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom.

Sincerely,  
Christine Formica  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

I wish for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to be excused from the following topic/lesson of the health curriculum due to moral, ethical and/or religious beliefs:

Unit Title	Topic/Lesson

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_