

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Fifth Grade Students,

Growing up can be a confusing time for children, and we want to help make this transition easier by providing clear, factual, and age-appropriate information about puberty.

As part of the **North Carolina Healthful Living curriculum**, all fifth-grade students will have the opportunity to participate in **puberty education lessons**. These lessons will be led by the **Physical Education Teacher, School Nurse, and School Counselors**.

What Will Be Taught?

Students will watch a video covering five topics:

- What Is Puberty? Overview of puberty, endocrine system, hormones, and common changes in boys and girls (body hair, body odor, hygiene).
- **Girls and Puberty** Female reproductive anatomy, hormonal changes, ovulation, and emotional changes.
- **Boys and Puberty** Male reproductive anatomy, hormonal changes, spermatogenesis, hygiene, and emotional changes.
- **New Emotions, New Feelings** How hormones impact emotions and social changes, including independence, friendships, and romantic feelings.

Boys and girls will be **separated** to watch and discuss the videos. Students may receive printed materials to reinforce what they learn, and we encourage parents to review these at home.

Parental Permission Required

Your child **must have a signed permission slip** to participate. If we do not receive a signed form, they **will not** take part in the lessons.

Want to Review the Materials?

If you would like to preview the videos or materials, please email your child's PE/Health teacher or school counselor to schedule a time.

(PLEASE CHECK OPTIONS AND SIGN ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET)



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Permission Slip – Please Check One Option & Sign

Parental Permission for viewing the Fifth Grade (Please check only one)	Healthful Living Essential Standards video
Yes I give permission for my child to and Puberty, and New Emotions, New Feelings	view ONLY the <u>Girls</u> Video along with What is Puberty? Girls and to receive the Always packet.
	view ONLY the <u>Boys</u> Video along with What is Puberty? Boys s and to receive the Always packet. (On Back Order may not
No, I do not want my child to view any discussions.	parts of the video or participate in the lessons and
Parent Signature	Student Name
	Homeroom Teacher