



GOLDENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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"STUDENTS AND STAFF IMPROVING EVERYDAY"

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s) of 9th Grade Students:

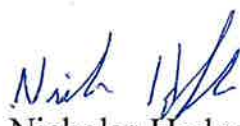
Partnering with parents regarding the health and well-being of our students is very important to us. This letter is to inform you that we will be teaching our students some important, yet sensitive material around Sexual Health Education including the topic of HIV/Aids prevention as required by the State of Washington. As we prepare for this instruction to take place, we will follow these core principles:

- We believe parents are the first and most important teachers of sexual health.
- We respect parents' rights to know what is being taught and when and the right to exclude their student from all or part of the sexual health instruction.
- We will be transparent in the instructional materials, sexual health standards and instructional methods we use.
- We will use our collective professional judgment in determining developmentally appropriate sexual health content for Goldendale students.
- When individual students ask or indicate a need for more detailed information we will provide them with individual access to trained staff members and information.
- The Sexual Health Unit will be taught this semester in mid to late March.
- The curriculum for this program is available for you to preview in the Goldendale High School nurse's office.
- If you do not wish to have your child participate in this education, you must first review the material and then sign and return the Instruction Student Waiver Form no later than March 10, 2023.
- Students who have been opted out will go to an alternate location to work on other educational activities during this time.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


John A. Westerman
Principal


Nicholas Hedgecock
Health & P.E. Teacher