

DEFIANCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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To: Parents of The Class of 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027
From: Jay Jerger, Principal
Date: Monday, August 21, 2023
Re: SB 288 - Child Sexual Abuse, Dating Violence, and Sexual Violence Prevention

Ohio's 134th General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 288 which updated the prescribed curriculum for health education, adding requirements related to child sexual abuse prevention, dating violence prevention and sexual violence prevention.

Ohio law on curriculum for health education now requires schools and districts to provide instruction on child sexual abuse prevention to students in grades K-6 and instruction on dating violence prevention and sexual violence prevention to students in grades 7-12. Schools and districts must notify parents and legal guardians of the curriculum. The legislation also requires school personnel to receive in-service training on child sexual abuse.

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, schools are required to provide developmentally appropriate instruction in dating violence prevention education and sexual violence prevention education to students in grades seven through twelve. Instruction must include recognizing dating violence warning signs and characteristics of healthy relationships. Instruction and information cannot be connected in any way to any individual, entity, or organization that provides, promotes, counsels or makes referrals for abortion or abortion related services.

Upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction in sexual violence prevention.

If you wish to excuse your son/daughter from the dating and sexual violence prevention education that will be provided, please communicate directly with your son/daughter's counselor, or Mr. Fisher (Assistant Principal), or myself.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the high school office.

Respectfully-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Jerger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.