



ALASKA GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Scott MacManus, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The state of Alaska has passed a law, Alaska Safe Children's Act, effective June 30, 2017. This requires school districts to provide a curriculum focused on sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention for grades K-12 and dating violence and abuse awareness for grades 6-12. Staff are also required to complete training on these subjects.

This year, we will aim for two sessions with each age group and then continue in the coming school years with quarterly sessions. The recommended curriculum chosen by the district is Safer, Smarter Kids. You can view the curriculum information on the web site, <https://safersmarterkids.org/>.

Topics included in the K-grade 5 are the following:

- Safety Awareness
- Respecting yourself and others
- Developing self-esteem
- Identifying and protecting body boundaries
- Accessing help and trusted adults
- Determining safe vs. unsafe secrets
- Establishing personal power and influence.

Topics included in the middle and high school materials include:

- Body boundaries, Peer Pressure and Fitting In
- Grooming, Secrets, Isolation
- Think, Feel, Act
- Abuse, Disclosure, and Getting Help
- Technology Safety and Cybergrooming
- Be the Change: Personal Rights and Responsibilities
- Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships
- Dating Violence and Harassment
- Education and Advocacy in Action.

Parents can opt their children out of participation in the presentations of the Safer, Smarter Kids materials but **it must be done in writing to your child's school by February 8, 2018**. Additional information on the Alaska Safe Children's Act is included on the back of this letter.

Please contact me at pgingue@agsd.us or 505-0010 if you have any questions and/or need additional information.
Thank you.

Respectfully,

Pam Gingue
Programs Coordinator

"Where Teachers Are The Gateway To Learning"

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Alaska Safe Children's Act

Effective June 30, 2017 School Districts must:



Adopt and Implement a Policy



Establish a training program for employees and students



Provide parent notices

Erin's Law AS 14.30.355

Sexual Abuse & sexual Assault
Awareness & Prevention
Grades K-12

Erin's Law training must include:

- Age-appropriate information
- Warning signs of sexual abuse of a child
- Referral and resources information
- methods for increasing teacher, student and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children
- Actions that a child may take to prevent and report sexual assault

Erin's Law Training - Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
https://www.alaska.gov/education/earlydevelopment/erins-law-training

Bree's Law AS 14.30.356

Dating Violence & Abuse
Grades 7-12

Bree's Law training must include:

- Age-appropriate information
- **Warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior**
- Characteristics of healthy relationships
- Measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse
- community resources available to victims of dating violence and abuse

Bree's Law Training - Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
https://www.alaska.gov/education/earlydevelopment/brees-law-training

Opt-Out Provision

The policy, training, and notices under Erin's Law and Bree's Law must include a procedure for allowing students to be excused from participating in training or from receiving notices relating to Erin's Law and Bree's Law, at the written request of a parent or guardian of the student, or of the student if the student is emancipated or 18 years of age or older.

For more information and resources on the Alaska Safe Children's Act contact Kami Moore at the Department of Education and Early Development:



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<https://education.alaska.gov/schoolhealth/safechildact>