



PARENT OPT-OUT FORM

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This year, your student's school, Iberia R-V, will be using the MBF Child Safety Matters® from the Monique Burr Foundation for Children. The goal of the Program is to help keep your child safe.

The Program empowers students to spot and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse and digital dangers. Most importantly, it teaches that adults are responsible for their safety but there are things they can do to help adults keep them safe. The Program is based on the latest research and has been reviewed and endorsed by national experts.

Why does your teen need a safety program?

- 10% of children are abused before their 18th birthday
- 14% of children have been solicited online
- 28% of students have been bullied
- 90% of children between 8 and 16 years have viewed explicit material online

The Program teaches about these dangers by:

- Using age-appropriate, easy to understand language
- Playing fun games and activities
- Providing take-home items to remind teens and parents of the lessons and Safety Rules

When children are taught safety information and rules to help them stay safe, they perform better in school and enjoy healthier, happier, and safer lives. You can learn more about the Program at www.mbfpreventioneducation.org

IF YOU "DO NOT" WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND CUT & RETURN THE FORM TO THEIR SCHOOL

The Program provides students with important information about dangers they may face. If you do not want your child to participate, please educate them using another program. Please contact the school with any concerns before opting your child out of the program or you may also contact **Sydney McCoin with Kids' Harbor at smccoin@kharborcac.org**

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I understand returning this form means <u>I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE</u> in the MBF Child Safety Matters® lessons. I UNDERSTAND THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE THE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION contained in the Program.	
Student's Name _____	Grade _____
Reason for declining _____	
Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____	
Parent/Guardian Signature _____	Date _____
Parent/Guardian Email _____	
Parent/Guardian Phone number _____	