



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.



Parent Notification & Opt-Out

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Michigan Attorney General's office will be conducting presentations on student safety featuring the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI) and the student safety program, OK2SAY. The presentation will be given for **Columbia Central** students in grades **7-8 and 9-12** on October 12th.

Students in 7th – 8th grade learn what the OK2SAY program is, how it works, what types of incidents they can report, how to submit a tip, and what will happen with the tip. Students then get detailed explanations about bullying, cyberbullying, suicide, sexting, sexual abuse, the predator threat, and how to protect themselves online. Students see a video about the power of words, the deceptive ways internet predators target teens, along with a video featuring students from Michigan that have tragically died by suicide due in part to bullying. Through the presentation, these students are encouraged to stand up for themselves and their peers and to always be mindful of the power of their words.

The 9th – 12th grade presentation focuses on student safety and OK2SAY. We teach students how OK2SAY works, what can be reported and how, and what will happen with the tips. Students get in-depth explanations of bullying, cyberbullying, suicide, self-injury, sexting, threats, dating violence, sexual abuse, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. They watch a video featuring students from Michigan that have tragically died by suicide due in part to bullying and a video showing the negative impacts of sexting. They also view a clip about OK2SAY and a video that emphasizes the importance of empathy, perspective, leadership, and compassion. Students are challenged to pay attention to what is going on around them. If they see something that doesn't seem right, students are encouraged to step up and speak out.

You are encouraged to preview the videos your child will see at the [Attorney General's website](http://mi.gov/csi) (mi.gov/csi). More information on OK2SAY, as well as resources, is available on the [OK2SAY website](http://ok2say.com) (ok2say.com).

If you **do NOT** want your child to participate, return the bottom of this sheet to the **High School** office by October 11, 2018.

Sincerely,

Christi O'Neil

I, **insert parent/guardian's name**, do NOT want my child, **insert child's name** to participate in the Michigan CSI / OK2SAY Student Safety Presentation.

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date

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