

Mound City R-2 School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

According to Missouri Law, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year and in each school year thereafter, each school district shall provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate sexual abuse training to students in all grades not lower than sixth grade. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), pursuant to Section 170.045, RSMo, developed guidance and training materials for sexual abuse training in consultation with the Missouri Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children. The department utilizes a variety of organizations with relevant expertise to develop the materials which include resources districts can use for training and professional development.

The goal of this programming is to keep your children safe. This programming may include a variety of discussions, activities, videos and role play scenarios. These lessons empower children to respond to child sexual abuse and to provide students with the tools needed for personal safety. Under Missouri law this education will include the following components, at a minimum:

1. instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to recognize sexual abuse,
2. instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to report an incident of sexual abuse,
3. actions that a student who is a victim of sexual abuse could take to obtain assistance and intervention, and
4. available resources for students affected by sexual abuse.

Nationwide, one in 10 students will be the victim of child sexual abuse before the age of 18. Through this program aimed at educating and empowering students, we want to provide your student with the knowledge and skills to use if ever affected by sexual abuse. If you have any questions about the content of the program, please contact your school's counselor or principal.

All students will participate in sexual abuse prevention lesson(s) unless you choose for your child to NOT participate. Please sign below and return or call the school directly. If this form is not received by the school, your child will participate in the lesson(s). *Please return by Tuesday, September 27th, 2022

Sincerely,
The Mound City Administration

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

_____ I would prefer my child NOT participate in the lessons on sexual abuse prevention.

_____ I give my permission to attend the lessons on sexual abuse prevention.

Additionally, our district would like to offer opportunities for adults to participate in prevention training as we firmly believe it is every adult's responsibility to keep children safe. Please let us know if this is something you would like more information on.

_____ I would like to receive information and/or trainings on child sexual abuse prevention.