



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Alaska Safe Children's Act Parent/Guardian Letter

Read in detail before you decide if your student should NOT participate

Dear Parents,

The Alaska Safe Children's Act was signed into law on July 9, 2015, by Governor Bill Walker. Effective June 30, 2017, this Act requires public schools to provide child sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention training to all grades K-12. It also requires teen dating violence awareness and prevention training be taught in grades 7-12. For more information please review Alaska Department of Education's webpage: <https://education.alaska.gov/schoolhealth/safechildact>

In compliance with the law, Northwest Arctic Borough School District has adopted classroom learning objectives and curriculum materials that provide appropriate age-level information to students in grades K-12.

Second Step Child Protection Unit K-6

The Child Protection Units are taught in six weekly lessons, each containing a story and short activity. Parent resources will be sent home with each lesson. Topics for each grade include:

- Ways to Stay Safe
- Always Ask First Rule
- Safe and Unsafe Touch
- The Touching Rule
- Practicing Staying Safe
- Reviewing Safety Skill

The Fourth R Healthy Relationships, Safe Choices, Connected Youth (7-12) and The Fourth R Healthy Relationships Plus (7-12)

The Fourth R project targets the prevention of violence through the promotion of positive, healthy relationships. Topics may include:

- Friendships/Relationships
- Influences on Relationships
- Early Warning Signs of Dating Violence
- When Friendships and Relationships End
- Taking Responsibility for Emotions
- Emotional Health and Well-Being

Parents/Guardians should be aware that links to videos and factual information can be found on the district's website under Parents/Alaska Safe Children's Act (www.nwarcic.org/safechildren), and classroom teachers will be using the anatomically correct language for body parts during the above lessons.

If you do **NOT** want your child to receive the instruction under the Alaska Safe Children's Act, please **put in writing** to the school principal requesting that your child *be excused* from these lessons. If you have any questions, contact your local school office and/or principal.

Thank you