Per Missouri law, school districts must notify parents or guardians in advance of child sexual abuse prevention education and of the parent’s or guardian’s right to have the student excused from the instruction.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Miami R-1 School District will provide age and developmentally appropriate sexual abuse prevention education. The goal of this programming is to keep children safe. Nationwide, one in 10 students will be the victim of child sexual abuse before the age of 18. These lessons empower children to respond to child sexual abuse and to provide students with the tools needed for personal safety. Through this program aimed at educating and empowering students, we want to provide your child with the knowledge and skills to use if ever affected by sexual abuse.

For the 2021-2022 school year, a representative from the Children’s Center-Joplin, MO, will present Teen Safety Training on March 2nd to all students in grades 6-12. This program will be broken down into two groups with two lessons each to allow for age and developmentally appropriate dialogue. One group will be 6-8th grade and one group will be 9-12th. 9th-12th grade lesson content is below.

1. Lesson 1: Digital Safety
	1. Students will understand the need for digital safety educations and the dangers associated with digital technology.
	2. Students will use the 5 safety rules to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to unsafe situations. Students will identify at least two Safe Adults.
	3. Students will recognize peer pressure and learn to apply the 5 safety rules to stay safe.
	4. Students will understand bullying/cyberbullying risks and learn appropriate responses, including how to be an Upstander. Students will demonstrate increased knowledge regarding cyberbullying and reporting.
	5. Students will understand the rights and responsibilities of being a good digital citizen.
	6. Students will understand and learn to avoid the digital risks from peers, themselves, and others.
2. Lesson 2: Physical and Emotional Safety
	1. Students will use the 5 safety rules to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to unsafe situations.
	2. Students will understand the importance of physical safety. Students will learn to identify red flags/indicators of physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect.
	3. Students will learn to identify red flags related to sexual abuse and how to respond appropriately.
	4. Students will identify indicators and consequences of healthy versus unhealthy relationships and relationship abuse. Students will learn how to get help for unhealthy and abusive relationships.
	5. Students will understand sexual assault, how to report it, and how to prevent it.
	6. Students will learn to identify red flags related to exploitation and trafficking and how to prevent and report it.

**All students will participate in sexual abuse prevention lessons unless you choose for your child to NOT participate. Please sign below and return only if you do NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE.**

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I would prefer my child not participate in the lessons on sexual abuse prevention.

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return by Tuesday, March 1, 2022