

SAMPLE PARENT PERMISSION SLIP & "OPT-OUT" FORM

Parent permission must be obtained before a student receives sex education material, including the Scott & White Worth the Wait[®] curriculum. The purpose of the permission slip is to notify parents that a sex education program will be taught in their child's school and that they can choose whether their child participates in the classes. It is recommended that an "active" permission slip be used. (Please see first sample form.) An "active" permission slip is one which parents sign that indicates their permission for their child to participate in the program. The second sample template is called an "opt-out" form; only parents who do not want their child to participate will sign this form.

The two sample templates provided below are guidelines; each school should develop a form that is appropriate for their district. As stated on the permission slip, we suggest that parents should come to the school to "opt-out" their child, allowing school personnel the chance to discuss the program with parents and to address their concerns in person.

"Active" Parent Permission Slip Template:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The _____ Independent School District will soon begin teaching sexual health to all middle school students. School administrators have chosen an abstinence curriculum, Scott & White Worth the Wait[®]. It is a two-week unit based on the medical and legal facts regarding teen sexual activity, which teaches abstinence as the healthiest choice for teens.

The curriculum will be available at each school campus for you to preview. If you have any questions, you may call _____ at _____. Once you are familiar with the program, if you prefer that your child not participate in this unit, please make an appointment to sign an "opt-out" form.

I _____ give my child _____ permission to
(please print) (please print)
participate in the Scott & White Worth the Wait[®] curriculum. Please sign form below. Thank you.

Sincerely,
School Staff _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

"Opt-Out" Template:

If you DO NOT wish your child to participate in the Scott & White Worth the Wait[®] curriculum, please complete this form.

Scott & White Worth the Wait[®] is an abstinence sex education curriculum. Use of contraception (birth control) and condoms are NOT included in the curriculum.

After reviewing the Scott & White Worth the Wait[®] materials, I do not want _____, to
(please print student's name)
participate in the Scott & White Worth the Wait[®] curriculum. I understand that he/she will not be allowed to remain in the classroom while the curriculum is being taught, and that he/she will receive alternative lessons deemed appropriate by the school.

Child's school: _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reason(s) for not participating: _____