

Eustis School Department

Stratton School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Department of Education has mandated schools to provide a model policy that addresses child sexual abuse prevention. This is multi-faceted, in that there is mandatory training for all staff members, curriculum programming for Pre-K- 5th grade students and mandated reporting procedures when there is a suspicion of child sexual abuse.

Stratton School has partnered with SAPARS, Safe Voices and Franklin County Children's Task Force in providing evidence-based curricula on a yearly basis since 2016. The curriculum that is used is from the Healthy Relationship Project. Pre-K through 2nd graders receive the Care for Kids curriculum, 3rd-6th grade students receive the We Care curriculum. SAFE-T curriculum is presented to 7-8th graders. While the policy does not mandate the school to provide education to 6-8th grade students, we feel that the continuity is extremely important. These agencies are welcome in our schools to present this education on a yearly basis, typically with a 6 lesson unit. These programs align with the Maine Learning Results Health Education Standards. I am happy to report that this year lessons will be provided in person by Stephanie Harmon and Paula Murray from SAPARS. Grades 6-8 will begin lessons the week of 12/5/22 and lessons for elementary classes will begin after the new year.

If there are any questions or concerns about this program, please feel free to contact me. I am happy to discuss the program with you and provide you with an outline of The Healthy Relationship Project specific for your child's age. Additional information on Health Education can be found on-line in the Student Handbook. If you are interested in the mandate please look up L.D. 1180 for a full description. The school's policy on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention is available as well upon request.

Respectfully,
Andrea Osganian, LSW
School Social Worker



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