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Parents,

The FLDOE State Board of Education has mandated instruction related to the health education of district students across all grade levels commencing with the 2019-2020 school year.

The Child Trafficking, Substance Use/Abuse Prevention, and Mental and Emotional education mandates will be satisfied through instruction to students in grades K-12 and will address age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs. These instructional topics will include the following:

[Rule 6A-1.0642123, F.A.C.- Child Trafficking Prevention Education Mandate](#)

- Recognition of signs of human trafficking
- Awareness of resources, including national, state and local resources
- Information on the prevalence, nature, and strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely seek assistance
- Information on how social media and mobile device applications are used for human trafficking.

[Rule 6A-1.094122, F.A.C.-Substance Use and Abuse Prevention Education Mandate](#)

- Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to alcohol, nicotine, and drugs; and

[Rule 6A-1.094121, F.A.C.-Mental and Emotional Health Education Mandate](#)

- In grades 6-12, a total of 5 hours of instruction will be dedicated to mental health topics that include understanding how to optimize and maintain good mental health; decreasing stigmas related to mental health; enhancing help-seeking efficacy, and understanding mental disorders and treatments.

All grade levels will receive skill-building instruction through a combination of grade-level assemblies, classroom curriculum, and digital lessons, as appropriate for the age and topic being discussed.

Child trafficking content will be sourced through the evidence-based program MBF Child Safety Matters® and our partners at Selah Freedom.

Mental and Emotional Health Education, along with alcohol and drug education will be delivered through a combination of classroom lessons and a digital platform from our partners at Everfi.

The district's K-12 prevention program *Students Against Negative Decisions* (ST.A.N.D.) will supplement these efforts with researched-based curricula that include Safer Choices and Draw the line, Respect the line on all Middle and High School campuses. The ST.A.N.D. program will also utilize additional curriculum resources and guest speakers vetted by the School District of Manatee County's School Health Advisory Committee.

Thank you