



## **6th GRADE**

Dear Roaring Fork School District Families,

This year, your child will be offered a program called Draw the Line/Respect the Line in their science class. This curriculum meets the requirements of House Bill 07-1292 passed in 2007. This law prioritizes adolescent health by setting standards for comprehensive sexuality education. In order to meet the requirements of this law, Roaring Fork School District has adopted the health Colorado Academic Standards and has updated its human sexuality resources.

RFSD is working with the Garfield County Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) to provide resource modules. Draw the Line/Respect the Line is an abstinence focused, evidence based program that has been proven to change attitudes and behaviors of middle school youth.

The sixth-grade program focuses on learning to set your own limits in peer pressure situations and how to respect another's limits. The sixth-grade program is taught without any discussion of sexual health and focuses on peer pressure in situations involving alcohol, smoking, cheating, lying and stealing. Draw the Line/Respect the Line provides transferable skill building around recognizing risky situations and behaviors, communicating clear refusals, and developing personal limits. The Draw the Line/Respect the Line program includes several homework activities to help parents and children talk about personal limits. We hope you will work with your child on these. This homework is voluntary and students will not share their parents' answers in class.

Instruction with the Draw the Line/Respect the Line materials will begin in January You are welcome to preview the Draw the Line/Respect the Line materials from any of the Garfield County Library branches. Please contact Sonja or Kathy, for additional questions regarding the curriculum.

The curriculum is part of a PREP grant. Because of this, it is being evaluated for its effectiveness. Each student will be given a pre/post test to gather information about the student's perceptions regarding the Draw the Line/Respect the Line program. Students will be asked to complete an electronic survey including questions pertaining to their behavior and general understanding of the program content. Completing this survey poses no risk to your child. Procedures are in place to protect your child's privacy and allow for complete anonymity. If you have questions about the grant, the curriculum or parenting classes, please contact Diana Andrews at [Garfieldcountyprep@gmail.com](mailto:Garfieldcountyprep@gmail.com), at 970-319-2182 or on the web at <http://www.garfieldcountyprep.org/contact/>.

If you would NOT like to have your child participate in any portion of this instruction, please complete the attached form. We must have this document signed and on file prior to the beginning of instruction for your child to not participate in any component of this instruction. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are allowing your child to take part in the Draw the Line/Respect the Line program including the pre and post surveys.

If you have further questions, please contact Sonja Linman at 384-6154, Kathy Kneipper at 384-5506 or Joel Hathaway, GSMS principal at 384-5501.



Glenwood Springs Middle School  
120 Soccer Field Rd. Glenwood Springs, CO 81601  
970-384-5500

Joel Hathaway-Principal  
Sandy DeCrow-Assistant Principal



### **6th Grade**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Any student may be excused from the Draw the Line/Respect the Line program. If you do NOT want your child to participate in this program, please complete and return the form below by **Friday, January 5th.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ do NOT want my son/daughter

\_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the Draw the Line/Respect the Line Program. I understand that he/she will be given another learning activity during this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

Date