



## 8th 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.

Roaring Fork School District 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade program provides skill building on how to recognize risky situations and behaviors, how to communicate clear refusals and how to develop personal limits within group dating and relationship situations. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade program does include demonstrations of birth control measures that prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. 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 in any Garfield County library branch. Please contact Sonja or Kathy for additional questions regarding the curriculum.

The curriculum is part of a Federal 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 [www.garfieldcountyprep.org/contact/](http://www.garfieldcountyprep.org/contact/)

If you would **NOT** like to have your child participate in any portion of this instruction, please complete and return the enclosed 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.



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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, February 2nd**.

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.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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