



Marion Community Unit School District No. 2

Marion Jr. High School
1609 W. Main St.
Marion, Illinois 62959



ERIN'S LAW INFORMATION LETTER

September 27, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Erin's Law says that all public schools in Illinois need to have a Pre-K through 5th-grade sexual abuse prevention program. The Marion CUSD#2 School District is implementing the *Second Step* Child Protection Unit as the basis for our K-8 sexual abuse prevention program. A lesson will be provided for your child during the month of October.

Each classroom will be taught information at the student's age level, in a safe and simple way. The main idea is to teach the Safety Rule, "No one should touch the private parts of your body unless it is to keep you clean or healthy." The program will teach the students that "private parts" are the parts of their bodies that their swimsuit covers. The students learn that the "clean" part of the safety rule is when a child needs help with a bath or shower or using the bathroom (especially small children). The students learn the "healthy" part of the rule is when they have to go for a doctor's visit. The students will learn how to tell a grown-up that they trust if someone breaks the Safety Rule. Students will learn ways to keep them safe, like the Ask First Rule.

It is important for you to teach your student at home too, so we want you to know what your student is learning at school. If you have questions or want more information about signs of sexual abuse, how to get help, and tips for prevention education at home, please ask your school or call National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673. The hotline's staff will be happy to listen to you and answer your questions.

If you have any questions about the Child Protection Unit or if you do not want your student to participate, please email MJHS school counselor Nicki Ashmore at nashmore@marionunit2.org or MJHS school social worker Melissa Farley at mfarley@marionunit2.org and they will find an alternative activity for your student to participate in during this time. Go to www.cfchildren.org/child-protection to get more information about what your child is learning in the Child Protection Unit. Thank you for helping us make our school a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn.

Thank you,

Chuck Williamson

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