



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Franklin High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school is one of 50 New Jersey high schools and organizations participating in an exciting peer education program called the Teen Prevention Education Program (Teen PEP).

Teen PEP was developed in 1995 through a collaboration among the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), the Center for Supportive Schools (CSS) and HiTOPS Teen Health and Education Center (HiTOPS). The program is based on the peer-to-peer education model developed by CSS and the nationally recognized sexual health curriculum developed by HiTOPS.

Carefully selected junior and senior student peer educators are trained through a regularly scheduled course to deliver a series of workshops to the students in the freshman class. These workshops are designed to increase knowledge, skills, and behaviors to empower other teens with the tools they need to make responsible decisions.

Throughout the school year, peer educators will conduct workshops dealing with the following topics:

- Postponing Sexual Involvement
- Pregnancy Prevention
- Preventing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- HIV/AIDS Prevention
- Alcohol, Other Drugs and Sexual Decision making
- Parent-Teen Communication

The content covered meets New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and is similar to the content covered during the regularly scheduled health curriculum.

If you have questions please contact Mr. Sean Thomas, Health/Physical Education Supervisor, Mrs. Stacy Hale, the High School Student Assistance Counselor, Ms. Nikki Inzano, Teen PEP Advisor or Mr. Thomas Galuppo Teen PEP Advisor at 732-302-4200.

If you would prefer that your student not participate in Teen PEP workshops, please complete the form below and submit it to Teen PEP Advisor, Ms. Inzano (ninzano@franklinboe.org)

I would like for my child to **NOT** participate in Teen PEP at Franklin High School during the academic year. I understand that my student may be given an alternative assignment by their Health and Physical Education teacher.

(Name of Student)

(Name of Parent)

(Signature of Parent)

(Date)

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