

Erin's Law Compliance Plan

Background Information: Erin Merryn is a sexual abuse survivor who has vowed her life to have this law passed in all 50 states. As of January 2023, Erin's Law has been passed in 38 states and it is pending in 12 more. Illinois established a Task Force that created the guidelines below.

Key Components of the Erin's Law:

- All public schools in Illinois must implement a child abuse sexual prevention program in grades Pre-K through 12th.
- Programs should teach students to recognize abuse, equip themselves with skills to reduce vulnerability, and encourage them to speak up
- More than one session (ideally multiple sessions)
- Conducted annually
- Facilitated by a wide-range of personnel
- Evidence-based research should be used with an evaluation component
- PD for administrators, teachers, and any other staff that are mandated reporters
- Programs should encourage parental involvement

Grade Level	Instructional Plan
Early Childhood Program (ages 3-5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Protection Unit through Second Step curriculum ● Includes unlimited online staff training ● Total of 6 lessons on child protection, including 3 lessons specifically designed to support Erin's Law ● Social Worker teach the lessons
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Protection Unit through Second Step curriculum ● Includes unlimited online staff training ● Total of 6 lessons on child protection, specifically designed to support Erin's Law ● Social Workers teach the lessons
1st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Protection Unit through Second Step curriculum ● Includes unlimited online staff training ● Total of 6 lessons on child protection, specifically designed to support Erin's Law ● Social Workers teach the lessons
2nd & 3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Protection Unit through Second Step curriculum ● Includes unlimited online staff training ● Total of 2 lessons on child protection, specifically designed to support Erin's Law ● <u>PE/Health Teachers</u> teach the lessons
4th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Protection Unit through Second Step curriculum ● Includes unlimited online staff training ● Total of 2 lessons on child protection, specifically designed to support Erin's Law ● <u>PE/Health Teachers</u> teach the lessons

5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Protection Unit through Second Step curriculum ● Includes unlimited online staff training ● Total of 2 lessons on child protection, specifically designed to support Erin's Law ● <u>PE/Health Teachers</u> teach the lessons
6th & 7th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PKMS PE/Health Teachers will teach a lesson on sexual abuse and awareness to all 6th and 7th grade students during PE/Health class ● Lesson includes information on sexual abuse terms, signs of abuse as well as specific information on how students can get support from a trusted adult
8th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elgin Community Crisis Center will be providing booster lessons to all 8th grade students during Health to reinforce and expand on information presented to students in 6th – 7th grade.
9th - 12th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Social Worker or Elgin Community Crisis Center will present a program to each PE/Health class. <p><i>*Programs will be different at each level to address all areas of sexual abuse prevention.*</i></p>

Parent Education and Communication Plan	
Early Childhood Program (ages 3-5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent education and resources are provided through the Second Step curriculum and parent letter that focus on child protection, safe and unsafe touch as well as warning signs of sexual abuse.
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1st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent education and resources are provided through the Second Step curriculum and parent letter that focus on child protection, safe and unsafe touch as well as warning signs of sexual abuse.
2nd - 3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent education and resources are provided through the Second Step curriculum and parent letter that focus on child protection, safe and unsafe touch as well as warning signs of sexual abuse.
4th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent education and resources are provided through the parent letter that focus on child protection, safe and unsafe touch as well as warning signs of sexual abuse.
5th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent education and resources are provided through the parent letter that focus on child protection, safe and unsafe touch as well as warning signs of sexual abuse.
6th - 12th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Information about Erin's Law will be posted on the Central 301 website and links provided in the parent letter.

Staff Education and Communication Plan	
Early Childhood Program (ages 3-5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Worker will review this plan with staff annually • Social Worker participated in a Second Step Child Protection Unit webinars with her School Social Worker team • These webinars will be repeated yearly for all new Social Workers • Erin's Law annual professional development through GCN
Elementary Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Worker will review this plan with staff annually • Social Worker participated in a Second Step Child Protection Unit webinars with her School Social Worker team • These webinars will be repeated yearly for all new Social Workers • Erin's Law annual professional development through GCN
Middle Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Worker will review this plan with staff annually • Erin's Law annual professional development through GCN
High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Worker will review this plan with staff annually • Erin's Law annual professional development through GCN

Resources for Staff and Parents	
ISBE	ISBE Document on Erin's Law ISBE Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Resource Guide
Erin's Law	Erin's Law: Home For Parents For Teachers
DCFS	1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect - Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect How to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse - How to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Talking to Your Child About Sexual Abuse - How to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse How to Tell if a Child is Being Abused - How to Tell if a Child is Being Abused Tips for Recognizing Child Abuse - How to Tell if a Child is Being Abused
Elgin Community Crisis Center	1-847-697-2380 Community Crisis Center
Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault	24 hour Confidential Hotline: 1-888-802-8890 Northwest CASA - advocacy • counseling • education • prevention
Child Help	1-800-4-A-Child (1-800-422-4453) Childhelp Childhelp's Resources for Kids Childhelp's Resources for Parents Childhelp's Resources for Teachers
Committee for Children	Committee for Children Social-Emotional Learning Programs