



Dear Parents, Guardians, or Custodians of Newly Admitted High School Students:

Health Education that teaches responsible decision-making helps students to be more productive in school and in life. Along with Health Education, NYC Public Schools provides a Condom Availability Program (CAP) in high schools to help students make healthy decisions outside of the classroom. Through CAP, students in grades 9-12 may request free condoms, medically accurate health information, and health referrals from trained school staff.

You have the right to ask the school **not** to provide your child with condoms. Per Public Health Law § 2504, you cannot make this request if your child 1) is 18 years of age or older; 2) is or has been married; 3) is a parent, and/or 4) is allowed by law to give consent for themselves.

To request that your child **not** receive condoms through CAP, you must write a letter to me that includes:

- Full name of student
- Grade of student
- Student's identification number (Note: If you do not have this information, we will provide it for you)
- The following statement: "[Full name of student] should not receive condoms through the Condom Availability Program."
- Your signature as parent, guardian, or custodian

If you change your mind and decide that your child can request free condoms, you can send me a letter at any time during the school year. CAP-trained staff members are committed to keeping all students' participation in the program confidential.

We encourage you to talk with your child about sexual health and other health topics at home to help them make positive health choices. Thank you for working with us to help New York City students feel safe, healthy, and able to thrive.

Sincerely,

Principal