



## Hamilton County School District

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February 3, 2020

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents or Guardians:

I wanted to let you know about new state requirements impacting students this year. The State Board of Education has approved 3 mandates which are now in effect. Rule 6A-1.094121, F.A.C. requires that districts provide a minimum of five hours of required instruction related to mental and emotional health education for students in Grades 6-12. Rule 6A-1.094122, F.A.C. requires school districts to annually provide instruction to students in Grades K-12 related to substance use and abuse health education. In addition, Rule 6A-1.094122, F.A.C. requires school districts to annually provide instruction to students in Grades K-12 related to child trafficking prevention and awareness.

With such a major emphasis being placed on the mental health and safety of students in today's society, these mandates have been identified as high priorities of the state as well as our district. Since the beginning of the school year, our team has been working diligently to develop implementation plans and select instructional materials which are extremely informative, beneficial, and age appropriate. For your convenience, our implementation plans along with FLDOE memos have been placed on our website at [www.hamiltonfl.com](http://www.hamiltonfl.com).

As always, we really do appreciate your support as we continue to promote a safe and secure learning environment for all students. We also wanted to note that our district is required by statute to provide instruction in these areas; thus, there will not be an opt out opportunity for students. At the end of the school year, all districts in the state must submit a report to the commissioner verifying that each student has completed these requirements. For more information, please visit our website or you can contact me at [chris.combass@hamiltonfl.com](mailto:chris.combass@hamiltonfl.com) or by phone at 386-792-7814. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Combass  
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