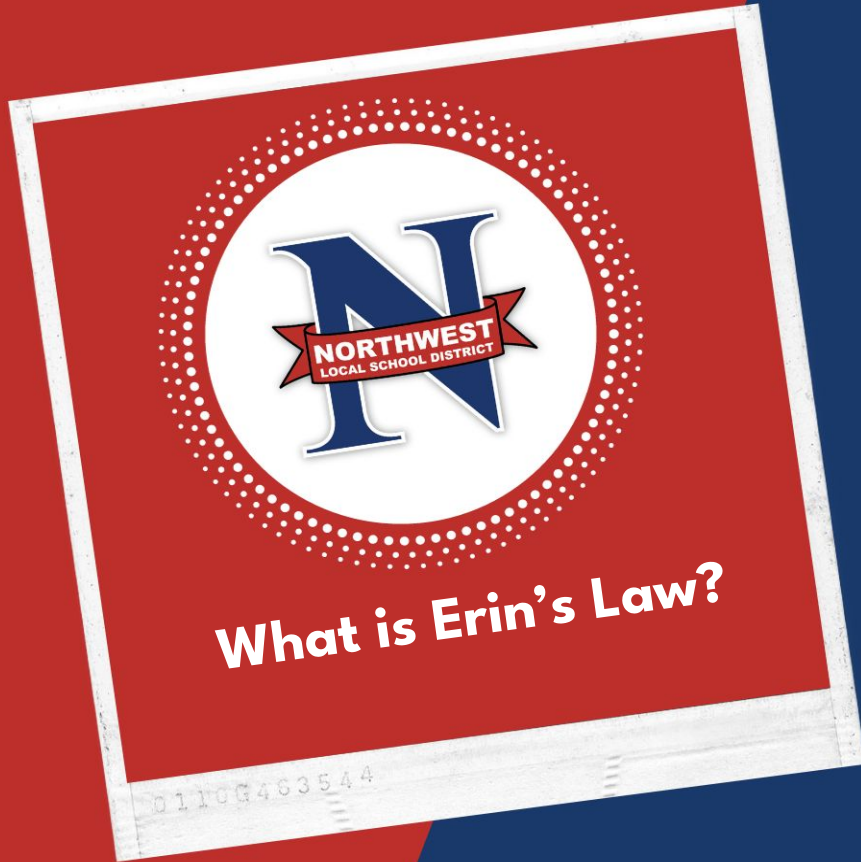




# Erin's Law Overview

Senate Bill 288



## The Requirements

- Passed in Ohio in December of 2022
- Signed by Governor DeWine in February 2023
- Requires annual staff training on sexual abuse prevention and warning signs
- Requires schools to teach age-appropriate sexual abuse and violence prevention K-12 (1 hour)
- Education plans must be in place by the end of 2023-24



## The Reasons

- Educating children in order to lessen occurrences of sexual abuse (prevention)
  - 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused by the age of 18 in the U.S.
  - 90% of the time children are being abused by someone they know and trust
- Educating children about resources and how to find help



## Our Plan:

- All staff will be required to complete an online training course through Public School Works
- This required training will be pushed out to staff in March 2023
- Training focus is on identifying signs that abuse may be occurring



## Our Plan/Timeline 7-12:

- Deliver required content through Health Course using BOE adopted curriculum (Edgenuity - Healthy Living) and/or approved guest speakers who meet ODEW requirements (SB288)
- Parent communication, including OPT OUT option, sent the first week of February
- Instruction provided in February/March



## Our Plan/Timeline K-6:

- Seeking Board approval for K-6 curriculum in March
- Parent communication for K-6, including OPT OUT option, sent in April
- K-6 instruction provided in May



# K-6 Program Recommendation

*Fight Child Abuse*

*Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation*

[\*Intro video\*](#)



## K-3 Topics

1. Tell a Grown Up
2. Safe and Unsafe Touch
3. Stranger Safety
4. It Doesn't Matter Who It Is
5. Shout, Run, Tell
6. Hitting is Wrong





## 4-6 Topics

1. Tell An Adult
2. Safe and Unsafe Touches
3. Smart Choices
4. It Doesn't Matter Who It Is
5. Hitting is Wrong
6. Tell Them To Stop

# 1

## Tell A Grown Up / Tell An Adult

### Grades K-3

If you think someone has hurt you or touched you in a way they shouldn't, you should tell a grown up. Telling a grown up is the first step to stopping abuse.

### Grades 4-6

We always want to remember that your body belongs to you. You have the power to say "No!" and get help if someone has hurt or touches you, no matter who it is.



# 2

## Safe Touch & Unsafe Touch / Unsafe Touches

### Grades K-3

An unsafe touch is a touch to your private body parts or a touch that hurts. No one should ever ask you to keep an unsafe touch a secret.

### Grades 4-6

An unsafe touch is a touch to body parts, a touch that hurts, or a touch that violates your personal space. No one should ever ask you to keep an inappropriate touch private. If they do, it is an unsafe touch.



# 3

## Stranger Safety / Smart Choices

### Grades K-3

Follow some simple rules to always feel safe around people you don't know.

### Grades 4-6

Many dangerous situation can be avoided with a little precaution. You have the power to protect yourself by making good decisions when it comes to your personal safety.



# 4

## Doesn't Matter Who It Is

### Grades K-3

Unsafe touch is never okay, no matter who is doing it. It is wrong for anyone to touch a “private area” no matter who it is- even if it is someone in your family, and family friend, or a teacher. If someone gives you an unsafe touch, no matter who it is, you should tell a safe grown up.

### Grades 4-6

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# 5

## Shout, Run, Tell / Hitting Is Wrong

### Grades K-3

No one should ever touch you on a part of your body that is covered by your bathing suit. If someone tries to, shout, “Stop!” or “Don’t Touch Me!” loudly and clearly. It doesn’t matter who is or where you are.

### Grades 4-6

No one should get hurt at home, and you can’t keep it a secret if it happens. It doesn’t matter who it is. If someone hurts you, it has to stop. You need help.



# 6

## Hitting Is Wrong / Tell Them To Stop

### Grades K-3

If someone is hurting you, or you think that someone is hurting a friend, tell a grown up. It is hard to break a promise to a friend, but hitting is wrong. Breaking a promise is the right thing to do if you think that someone is being hurt.

### Grades 4-6

Bullies use their power to hurt or control others. This might make you feel unsafe in places you should feel protected. That's not ok. Your schools, sports teams and afterschool clubs have to be safe for everyone.





Questions?