

Erin's Law Frequently Asked Questions

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- What is Erin's Law and is it required in schools?

- **Do you recommend that schools notify families/parents/caregivers about teaching this topic?**

It is recommended and encouraged that schools provide general information to families/parents/caregivers about the teaching of Erin's Law so that caregivers are aware of these topics being part of classroom instruction and can also answer questions children may have at home.

- **Are parents able to opt their child out of activities or lessons related to Erin's Law?**

In August 2019, Governor Cuomo signed Erin's Law ([Chapter 187 of the Laws of 2019](#)) into legislation. This legislation requires "[All pupils in grades K-8 in all public schools in the state shall receive instruction designed to prevent child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse.](#)" Therefore, parents are unable to opt out of this requirement. Since curriculum is locally decided, schools have options on how to teach these types of classes and can tailor their approach for students as needed. The New York State Education Department's [Erin's Law](#)