

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of your child's 7th grade curriculum, he/she will participate in the Crawford C.R.A.D.L.E. (Creating Responsible Adults-Developing Lifeskills and Esteem) Program. Founded in 1990 by medical professionals and community members, this program is designed to help teens deal with peer pressure, learn about their changing bodies and feelings, and understand the consequences of risky behaviors. C.R.A.D.L.E. is committed to helping parents open the lines of communication with their children about sexuality issues. Additional C.R.A.D.L.E. resources are also available for parents at the local library.

C.R.A.D.L.E. strives to help students develop positive self esteem and respect for themselves and others. Sexual abstinence until marriage is taught as the healthiest and safest lifestyle choice. This is accomplished by using a student guide, "**A.C. Green's Game Plan Abstinence Program**"; group activities and discussions; a Question & Answer Day with a medical professional and appropriate videos. Dedicated volunteers lead the classes. A copy of "Game Plan" is available for you to review by contacting at the NMS office at 544-8618.

This class is optional. If you choose not to have your child participate it will in no way affect his/her grade. We encourage you to contact the school at 544-8618 or the C.R.A.D.L.E. Program at 546-1269 if you have any concerns or questions regarding this program.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW:

_____ YES, my child _____ has my permission to participate in the C.R.A.D.L.E. class.

_____ NO, my child _____ does not have any permission to participate in the C.R.A.D.L.E. class.

Parent or Guardian Signature