

Safe Environment Curriculum Policy

The following is effective beginning with the 2006-07 school year:

- **Curriculum elements** for safe environment instruction are to be chosen from the list of selections provided by the REO and CSO, or if not on the list, with approval of the REO and CSO only. Parish or school programs wishing to use local presenters or other resources MUST submit a description of what will be covered to Joyce Donahue (K-5 Religious Education), Paul Mach (6-12 Youth Ministry) or Pamela Gean (Catholic Schools).
- **Use of "Review Lessons"**: If students have had a "full" safe environment lesson during the previous school year, a shorter review lesson may be used instead of the complete grade-level lesson. These review lessons have been prepared by the diocese and will be posted on the resource center at: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo/safeEnvironment.asp>
- **Instruction on Internet Safety** may take the place of safe-touch instruction only if it is clearly connected to safe-touch instruction received previously. Local law enforcement speakers, one of the diocesan-approved lessons or videos, or materials from a diocesan-approved website for internet safety may be used to accomplish this. A list of approved Internet safety materials and accompanying lesson plans will be available by August 15, 2006.

All parents of children and youth participating in faith formation programming or Catholic schools must receive a copy of the diocesan parent brochure "A Parent's Guide to Preventing Child Sexual Abuse", and written documentation of that receipt must be kept.