

Second Step Child Protection Unit

The Second Step Child Protection Unit (CPU) is research-based, teacher-informed, and classroom-tested to promote the social-emotional development, safety, and well-being of children.

The CPU lessons teach children how to refuse unsafe and sexually abusive situations and touches. Specifically, the lessons encourage these behaviors by teaching learners skills in three areas:

- recognizing unsafe and sexually abusive situations and touches,
- immediately reporting these situations to adults, and
- assertively refusing these situations whenever possible.

These lessons empower prevention by providing training and resources to help adults and children recognize, respond to, and report abuse. Working together as a community, we can protect children and keep them safe from abuse.

The general description of the curriculum was adapted from information provided on the publisher's website.

Reference

Committee for Children. (2024). *Second step*. Retrieved July 17, 2024, from <https://www.secondstep.org/child-protection>.

Opt-Out Process

A student shall be excused from sexual violence prevention instruction only upon the prior written request of the student's parent or legal guardian. A student may not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanctions if the student's parent or legal guardian makes such written request.

For more information about the Department's Sexual Violence Prevention Program, visit bit.ly/HIDOE-SVP.