

Common Growth & Development Student Questions

Male:

- What's a penis?
- Why do we get erections often?
- What is masturbation?
- If my dad is hairy, will I become hairy?
- How does sperm make a baby?
- Do all males shave [including genitalia] during puberty?
- What are mood swings?
- Why do you get acne and pimples in puberty?
- Can a male live with one testicle?
- Why do testicles shrink when it's cold?
- Do men stop having erections when they are older?
- Does it matter what size your penis is?
- What is circumcision?
- What are wet dreams?

Female:

- Does every girl have a period?
- What happens if you don't get a period?
- Can anyone tell if you have your period?
- Does your period last forever or does it stop?
- Does getting your period feel like you are peeing?
- How can you tell if you are getting breasts? Does getting them hurt?
- What are mood swings?
- Does everyone have to have a baby?
- Does a period hurt?
- Can you go swimming when you have your period?
- Do blood stains come out of your pants?

- What if the string on the tampon falls off?
- Do you have to wear a panty liner and a pad at the same time?
- Does your vagina itch when you are getting close to your period?
- Does your vagina sometimes smell?
- Do you have to use tampons?
- Why do you get acne and pimples?
- Does your period come out of where we pee?
- What if you put a tampon in the wrong hole?
- If you have your period, can you wear a thong with a pad?
- When you get your period, will the blood smell bad?
- Can you skip a period?
- How does sperm make a baby?
- What if the creamy stuff is there [referring to discharge on toilet paper], but not in your underwear?
- Is there any way that you don't get your period?
- Why do girls that live together get their periods at the same time?
- Do you have to change your tampon every time you go to the bathroom?
- What if I get my period and I have nothing to use? A: Use toilet paper
- What are the boxes for in the bathroom stalls?
- Are there different kinds of pads? A: YES, like shoe brands (Nike/Adidas/Under Armour)
- What if I don't have anyone in my home to talk to about this stuff?