

It just doesn't happen in big cities. It just doesn't happen in other states.

Sex trafficking can happen anywhere, and it is happening in Iowa. It is closer than you want to believe. You CAN make a difference and be part of the solution! On February 16th from 10:00-12:00, Ms. Taylor Hughes, a Human Trafficking Specialist from Catholic Charities Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program in Council Bluffs, will show the documentary, *Gridshock to our* high school juniors and seniors. After the viewing, students will have the opportunity to discuss the content and ask questions. Taylor will be joined by Ms. Emily Birchard, a Prevention Specialist from Catholic Charities. Emily will be addressing teen dating violence. February happens to be Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. With this idea, the focus is on advocacy and education to stop dating abuse before it starts.

Later in the evening students, families and the community are invited to the high school to view *Gridshock* and discuss teen dating violence; February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. Education and awareness of this violence is a must to start protecting our children and young adults, and ending the demand for sex trafficking. Every person can be the eyes and ears to be a part of the solution!

THE STORY

Gridshock is a riveting documentary
<https://www.gridshockdocumentary.com/>
exposing the hidden
and
disturbing reality behind the
sex trafficking demand in Iowa.

Vanessa McNeal, a filmmaker and survivor of sexual violence sets out to explore the often-overlooked reality about why the sex trafficking industry thrives. The truth is that sex trafficking wouldn't exist without the unquenchable thirst and demand for it. On the quest to learn more, Vanessa discovers who the johns/buyers are and why there is a culture of impunity that hides and protects them. In this riveting and truly disturbing documentary what you think you know about sex trafficking will be challenged. What is hidden will come to light, even in a midwestern state like Iowa. The film features survivors of sex trafficking, local and federal law enforcement, advocates, politicians, and a recovering sex addict.

I have viewed the *Gridshock* Trailer Video and wish my child to be excused from engaging in this viewing and follow-up afterward. I understand my child will incur no penalty but may/will be required to complete an alternative assignment relating to the standards addressed within the documentary.

Student Name and Grade: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(School Administrator)