Puberty

Usually occurs between

10 - 13 years of age



9 - 12 years of age



BOYS

Grow taller
Skin gets more oily
Hair grows on face
Shoulders get broader
Muscles develop
Breast may feel sore or tender
Penis and testicles grow
Body hair including pubic hair
Sweat glands develop—body odor
Hair under arms
Voice changes
Glands in scalp produce more oil

GIRLS

Grow taller

Skin gets more oily

Breast develop

Breasts feel tender and sore

Hips broaden

Skin around the nipples gets darker
Feet grow rapidly—may feel clumsy

Pubic Hair grow around genitals

Sweat glands develop—body odor

During this time, it is important to talk about your feelings in regards to the changes going on with your body. Everyone will be experiencing the changes of puberty at different times and that is completely normal.

Getting plenty of rest and exercise is important to maintain a healthy body. Equally important is showering, bathing and taking special attention to your body. Applying deodorant and change your clothes on a regular basis. Girls who are menstruating, should be sure they change their pads and tampons every 3-4 hours.