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HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board directs that students receive instruction in human growth and development, consistent with Chapter 118.019(2) Wis. Stats.

Such instruction will include the following:

- A. Medically accurate and age-appropriate instruction in the following topics:
 - 1. The importance of communication about sexuality between the student and the student's parents or guardians
 - 2. Reproductive and sexual anatomy and physiology, including biological, psychosocial, emotional, and intellectual changes that accompany maturation
 - 3. The benefits of and reasons for abstaining from sexual activity, which shall stress the value of abstinence as the only reliable way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and shall identify the skills necessary to remain abstinent
 - 4. Methods for developing healthy life skills, including setting goals, making responsible decisions, communicating, and managing stress
 - 5. How alcohol and drug use affect responsible decision making
 - 6. The impact of media and one's peers on thoughts, feelings, and behaviors related to sexuality
 - 7. Adoption resources, prenatal care, and postnatal supports
 - 8. The nature and treatment of sexually transmitted infections

- B. The instructional program will also include the following:
 - 1. Address self-esteem and personal responsibility, positive interpersonal skill, and healthy relationships
 - 2. Identify counseling, medical, and legal resources for survivors of sexual abuse and assault, including resources for escaping violent relationships
 - 3. Address the positive connection between marriage and parenting
 - 4. Present information about avoiding stereotyping and bullying, including how to refrain from making inappropriate remarks, avoiding engaging in inappropriate physical or sexual behaviors, and how to recognize, rebuff, and report any unwanted or inappropriate remarks, or physical or sexual behaviors.

The following shall also be incorporated into the above subjects in the same course and during the same year:

- A. Presents abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior for unmarried students;
- B. Emphasizes that abstinence from sexual activity before marriage is the only reliable way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome;

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- C. Provides instruction in parental responsibility and the socioeconomic benefits of marriage for adults and their children;
- D. Explains pregnancy, prenatal development, and childbirth;
- E. Explains the criminal penalties for engaging in sexual activities involving a child under Ch. 948, Wis. Stats.;
- F. Explains the sex offender registration requirements under 201.45, Wis. Stats.; which shall include who is required to report, what information must be reported, who has access to the information reported, and the implications of being registered;
- G. Provides medically accurate information about the human papillomavirus and the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; and
- H. Explains the process under 48.195, Wis. Stats., under which a parent of a newborn child may relinquish custody of the child to a law enforcement officer, emergency medical services practitioner, or hospital staff member

The District shall use instructional methods and materials that do not discriminate against a student based upon the student's race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic or cultural background or against sexually active students or children with disabilities.

The District shall provide parents annually with an outline of the human growth and development program used in their child's grade level as well as information regarding how the parent may inspect the complete program and instructional materials. Prior to use in the classroom, the program shall be made available to parents for inspection.

The District shall notify the parents, in advance of the instruction and give them an opportunity, prior to instruction, to review the complete program and instructional materials and of their right to have their child excused from the instruction. The notice shall state that, in the event a student is excused, that student will still receive instruction under 118.01(2)(d)2c, Wis. Stats. unless exempted and under 118.01(2)(d)8, Wis. Stats.

Legal References:

115.35, 118.019, 118.01(2)(d), Wis. Stats.

P.I. 8.0(2)(j), Wis. Adm. Code

Ch. 948, Wis. Stats.

301.45, Wis. Stats.

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