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Series	341.71	Human Growth and Development

The Kewaskum School District is committed to provide human growth and development as a K-12 educational program. In this philosophy, the term human growth and development is the process of intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and psychological growth of all human beings. The District realizes human growth and development is a lifelong process, supports the responsibility of parents and the church, but also recognizes the obligation of the schools to support and supplement this aspect of education.

Human growth and development should not be an isolated, special facet of education, but should be integrated, correlated, and articulated into the total school curriculum from K through grade 12, appropriate to the age and maturity level of the student. Well-planned units providing accurate information in a non-threatening environment can be included in the elementary, middle, and high school programs in various areas such as health, social studies, home economics, guidance, and science.

Due to the sensitivity of this issue, teachers are requested to teach only the curriculum approved by the Board and only use resources that have been approved by the Human Growth and Development Committee.

The District will annually provide the parents of each student enrolled in grades 4 and 5 with an outline of the human growth and development curriculum used in the student's grade level. The District will make the complete human growth and development curriculum and all instructional materials available upon request for inspection at any time, including prior to their use in the classroom. No student shall be required to take instruction in the School District of Kewaskum's human growth and development curriculum or in specific subjects within that curriculum unless the student's parent or guardian files with the teacher or school principal an opt-in form. (See Opt-In Policy #368).

The advisory committee is composed of parents, teachers (should include guidance counselors or related positions), at least one school administrator, a student, a health care professional, clergy member, Board representative and another resident of the School District. New committee members will be appointed by the Board President. The committee will develop human growth and development curriculum and advise the School Board on the design, review, and implementation of the advisory committee's human growth and development curriculum. The curriculum and all subsequent changes are subject to the approval of the School Board. The advisory committee will review the curriculum at least every 3 years and will file a written report with the School Board and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction indicating it has done so.

This program is compatible with the goals of the Kewaskum School District (Policy #901) particularly the following:

Students should:

1. Have an understanding of the interrelationship between the basic physical and mental health necessary for optimum growth and development.
2. Understand the emotional and social aspects of human sexuality.
3. Be aware of and have an incentive to use community resources essential to assure their optimum mental and physical health.
4. Demonstrate knowledge, use, and appreciation of safety principles, concepts, and practices.
5. Develop a knowledge of one's own body and adopt health practices that support and sustain it, (including avoiding the consumption of harmful or addictive substances).
6. Understand, appreciate, and respect themselves.
7. Learn to form productive and satisfying relations with others based on respect, trust, cooperation, consideration, and caring.
8. Understand and appreciate the value systems that are a part of their own heritage.
9. Develop a concern and respect for humanity.
10. Develop ability to manage conflicts in values.
11. Use problem-solving techniques and processes in decision-making.
12. Develop a willingness to accept responsibility for one's own decisions and their consequences.

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