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Dear Middle School Parent or Guardian:

The Sheboygan Area School District offers Human Growth and Development instruction within the sixth, seventh and eighth grade health/life skills curriculum. Though not part of the curriculum, issues relating to sexuality may also arise in other classes (history, current events, etc.). These will be dealt with in a brief manner consistent with the course curriculum.

It is the expectation of the district that all students participate in the Human Growth and Development curriculum. However, no student is required by law to participate. Parents have the option per Wisconsin State Statute 118.019 to request alternate lessons. If you do not want your child to participate in the standard curriculum, please contact your child's health/life skills teacher.

The information listed on the **back of this page** includes a breakdown of subjects and curriculum topics that relate to human growth and development.

If you wish to preview and/or discuss the curriculum and instructional materials used, please call the school that your child attends and make an appointment with your child's instructor.

Students who do not participate in Human Growth and Development lessons will be provided with alternative programming in the same subject area that is unrelated to Human Growth and Development.

Farnsworth (459-3655)

Urban (459-3680)

Horace Mann (459-3666)

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Human Growth and Development Curriculum and Instruction Materials Grades 6-8

Science

Grade 6 No Human Growth and Development topics covered.

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Grade 8

Textbook: Cells, Heredity, and Classification

Animal breeding – pg. 114 Asexual reproduction – pg. 64

Heredity – pg. 54 Genes – pg. 68, 78, 93 Traits – pg. 58-63, 114 Fertilization – pg. 57, 68 Chromosomes – pg. 64, 69 Mitosis – pg. 43-45, 64-65 Sexual reproduction – pg. 64, 68 Selective breeding – pg. 93, 114

Health/Life Skills

Grade 6 Textbook: <u>Human Sexuality – Prentice Hall</u>

Physical, social and emotional changes that occur during puberty and adolescence

Male/Female reproductive systems, including body parts and their functions

Definition of sexual orientation Sexual abstinence and benefits

Life skills that can be used to practice sexual abstinence

Sexual harassment and sexual abuse

Classroom materials: Growing Up pamphlet (Sheboygan Area School District publication)

Videos: We're Just Talking! For Boys and Girls

Puberty: The Great Adventure For Girls and Boys

Understanding Human Reproduction – Your Body Reproductive Systems

AbstinenceIt's the Right Choice

Thinking About Abstinence

Health

Grade 7 Textbook: <u>Human Sexuality – Prentice Hall</u>

Review Puberty/Adolescent Changes Decision Making/Abstinence/Saying No Male/Female Reproductive Systems Fertilization/Growth of a Baby

Videos: Puberty: The Great Adventure For Girls and Boys

Understanding Human Reproduction - Your Body Reproductive Systems

In The Womb / National Geographic

Time to Wait for Sex

Abstinence...It's the Right Choice Thinking About Abstinence

Grade 8 Textbook: <u>Human Sexuality – Prentice Hall</u>

Review of Male and Female Reproductive System

Abstinence

Assertiveness/Decision Making/Refusal Skills Positive Aspects of Choosing Abstinence

Sexually Transmitted Diseases / Types, symptoms, prevention and treatment: gonorrhea, syphilis,

herpes, AIDS, HIV, vaginitis, NGU, trichomoniasis, and chlamydia

Relationships & Dating

Healthy and Harmful Relationships

Planning Ahead for Healthy Relationships: Skills and strategies needed to resolve conflicts,

manage intimidation, avoid and escape violence and maintain personal safety

Sexual Orientation

Sexual Harassment

Sexual Abuse / Assault

Videos: Heart on a Chain

No Apologies

Time to Wait for Sex

Update: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

No Second Chance

Sexual Harassment: It's Hurting People

Thinking About Abstinence

Social Studies/Language Arts

Grades 6, 7 & 8

General topics covered in these classes that relate to current events may include human growth and development information