



Human Growth and Development Notification

The Manitowoc Public School District in compliance with Wisconsin Statute 118.019(3) encourages all school boards to make available to students instruction in topics related to human growth and development. The kindergarten through grade 12 program in the MPSD offers information and instruction appropriate to each grade level. The program includes instruction in the following areas:

- Grades K-3: protective behaviors of safe/unsafe touch and how to assertively report and refuse unsafe and unwanted touching.
- Grades K-5: positive school behaviors, peer relationships, self-esteem, responsible decision making, personal responsibility, and positive interpersonal relationships.
- Grade 5: human development and sexuality
- Grades 7-12: puberty, hygiene, abstinence, sexually transmitted diseases, family planning, birth control, pregnancy, fetal development, child birth, child care safety, shaken baby syndrome (DPI requirement for health class), healthy relationships

Parents may choose to opt their children out of instruction in human growth and development. Students who have been exempted from human growth and development instruction will still receive instruction in knowledge of physiology and hygiene; sanitation; the effects of controlled substances and alcohol upon the human system; symptoms of disease and the proper care of the body; and knowledge of effective means by which students may recognize, avoid and prevent and halt physically or psychologically intrusive or abusive situations which may harmful to students as required by Wis. Stat. 118.01(2)(d)(2c) and 118.01(2)(d)(8). Contact your child's teacher for this option.