



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 445
[2005 Senate Bill 286]

**School District Human Growth and
Development Programs**

Under **current law**, a school board may provide an instructional program in human growth and development in grades kindergarten to 12. The program may include instruction in a number of areas, including self-esteem, interpersonal relationships, discouragement of adolescent sexual activity, family life, parenting skills, human sexuality, family planning, and sex stereotypes.

Current law provides that if a school board provides instruction in any of the following areas, the school board must also provide instruction in marriage and parental responsibility:

1. Human sexuality.
2. Reproduction.
3. Family planning, including natural family planning.
4. Human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.
5. Prenatal development.
6. Childbirth.
7. Adoption.
8. Available prenatal and postnatal support.
9. Male and female responsibility.

2005 Wisconsin Act 445 provides that if a school board provides instruction in any of the subjects listed above, it must also ensure that instruction related to those areas do all of the following:

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

1. Presents abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relationship to all sexual activity for unmarried pupils.

2. Emphasizes that abstinence from sexual activity before marriage is the most effective way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on July 1, 2006.

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