

[Wisconsin State Statute 118.019](#), Human Growth and Development Instruction, was reauthorized (with changes) in 2012. [Changes to Required Subjects](#)

**Recommended Subjects:**

- Present medically accurate information to pupils and, when age-appropriate, address the following topics:
  - The importance of communication about sexuality between the pupil and the pupil's parents or guardians. Sociological, psychosocial, emotional, and intellectual changes that accompany maturation.
  - The benefits of and reasons for abstaining from sexual activity. Instruction under this subdivision shall stress the value of abstinence as the only reliable way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and shall identify
  - Reproductive and sexual anatomy and physiology, including both the skills necessary to remain abstinent.
  - Methods for developing healthy life skills, including setting goals, making responsible decisions, communicating, and managing stress.
  - How alcohol and drug use affect responsible decision making.
  - The impact of media and one's peers on thoughts, feelings, and behaviors related to sexuality.
  - Adoption resources, prenatal care, and postnatal supports.
  - The nature and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.
  - Address self-esteem and personal responsibility, positive interpersonal skills, and healthy relationships.
  - Identify counseling, medical, and legal resources for survivors of sexual abuse and assault, including resources for escaping violent relationships.
  - Address the positive connection between marriage and parenting.
  - 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.

If any of the subjects above are included, it is **required** that the following subjects be taught in the same course during the same year.:

- Presents abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior for unmarried pupils.
- 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.
- Provides instruction in parental responsibility and the socioeconomic benefits of marriage for adults and their children.
- Explains pregnancy, prenatal development, and childbirth.
- Explains the criminal penalties under ch. [948](#) for engaging in sexual activities involving a child.
- Explains the sex offender registration requirements under s. [301.45](#). Instruction under this paragraph shall include who is required to report under s. [301.45](#), what information must be reported, who has access to the information reported, and the implications of being registered under s. [301.45](#).
- Provides medically accurate information about the human papilloma virus and the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.