



Dear Caregivers,

It is essential that our students have factual knowledge about human growth and development in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, make responsible decisions, and understand both the physical and social emotional changes that occur as they age.

The School District of Edgerton believes that the instruction of students in Human Growth and Development is a partnership. It is important that caregivers be the primary source for information and education for their students. The school district's role is to factually teach human growth and development, facilitating communication between caregivers and students to ensure alignment of personal and family values. The school will support students and their caregivers in their efforts to develop an understanding of the physical and social emotional changes inherent in child development.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Human Growth and Development (HG&D) curriculum objectives taught throughout the school year in the Edgerton School District. A committee of parents, educators, representatives from the health professions, and the Edgerton Board of Education have approved all grade level objectives and materials. These objectives and materials were updated during the 2019-2020 school year and may be reviewed by contacting your student's teacher, a member of our Pupil Services team or by reviewing them on our [district website](#). Every effort has been made to remain sensitive to the varying developmental needs of our K-12 students.

The emphasis of the HG&D curriculum in the Edgerton School District is twofold. The main component is presenting factual information. The second is helping students learn how to use decision-making skills, based on those facts. Students will make decisions based on their family values and experiences; therefore, all student questions pertaining to morality are directed back to the home. However, since we know that students also make decisions based on their educational and social experiences, as a school, we can help students feel comfortable saying "no" to the many pressures that bombard them each and every day. Caregivers and schools must work together to help our students acquire these skills across all settings.

As a caregiver, you have the right to exempt your child from the entire HG&D curriculum or parts. We urge you to make that decision only after reviewing the materials and talking with a member of our Pupil Services Team or your student's classroom teacher. You will receive a letter(s) home prior to units covered under the HG&D curriculum. At that time, you can indicate to your student's teacher if you wish your student to be exempted out of a unit.