

FOR GRADES K-5

IMPLEMENT a Human Growth & Development Program
in YOUR district



Human Growth and Development education provides students with decision-making skills about situations often faced in real life.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Teen Health Mississippi will work with the district to identify the grades and lessons that best fit the district's needs and interests.

CURRICULUM ADOPTION



Teen Health Mississippi will provide different Human Growth and Development curriculum options available for districts.

TRAINING



Teen Health Mississippi will offer different training options to districts that adopt the program. Training options include online webinars and in-person trainings.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



Teen Health Mississippi will provide tailored technical assistance for each Human Growth and Development program to fit the district's needs.

Why do school districts need a Human Growth and Development program



AGE-APPROPRIATE

Early elementary school students learn the proper names for their body parts, the difference between good touch and bad touch, and ways in which they can be a good friend. Fourth- and fifth-graders need information about puberty and their changing bodies, internet safety, and the harmful impact of bullying.

SUPPORTED BY MDE

All elementary schools in Mississippi should be offering human growth and development education. Human Growth and Development is a content strand in the Mississippi Department of Education's (MDE) K-8 Mississippi Contemporary Health Frameworks.

YOUTH-RISK BEHAVIORS

Research shows that starting human growth and development education in elementary school helps children avoid risk behaviors that may result in negative health outcomes in the future like sexual abuse, unintended pregnancies, maternal deaths, and STDs.



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