



## **K-12 Partner Schools Human Growth and Development Shared Belief Statements**

1. Parents/guardians are the primary teachers of sexuality education, and the best place for discussion to provide the values and preferences of the family is in the home. Sexuality education is a lifelong process that continues to evolve with formal and informal influences.
2. Schools will instruct curriculum in a manner that promotes and supports communication between students and parents/guardians. Sexuality education includes formal public school programs in line with best practice and current research.
3. Every decision has outcomes, some of which can result in undesired consequences. For students to make responsible decisions regarding sexuality, they need accurate information, respect for others, and a framework of values.
4. Abstinence supports physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being and is the only completely reliable way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.
5. Sexuality is a natural and healthy part of living.
6. Relationships should be respectful, never coercive or exploitative.
7. Every student has the right to develop their own sense of identity, experience healthy relationships, and feel safe and supported.