

NOAH WEBSTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION MODEL POLICY

TO: TBD
FROM: Noah Webster Educational Foundation
RE: Success Sequence and Abstinence Education
DATE: TBD

This model policy seeks to help students lay the foundation for a healthy, stable, and successful life by introducing success sequence instruction coupled with an emphasis on remaining abstinent until marriage.

Success Sequence and Abstinence Education

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BACKGROUND: School Districts have a responsibility to ensure that instruction within schools encourages academic success and achievement, and supports students by enabling them to set a solid foundation for their lives post-graduation. The Success Sequence is a scientifically supported framework that has demonstrated success in preventing adult poverty, promoting successful careers, and supporting healthy relationships by encouraging students to consider the benefits of education, employment, and marriage before childbearing. Adding focus on remaining abstinent until marriage encourages students to follow the success sequence framework and helps to reduce the rise in teenage and unwed fathers and mothers. By implementing the success sequence with an emphasis on abstinence until marriage, school districts are supporting a scientifically backed framework that aligns with most state laws and promotes academic excellence and healthy, stable, and successful students before and beyond graduation. This model policy corresponds directly to NWEF's [Intro Course: Equipping Students for Life Success](#) training series.

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Subject: Success Sequence and Abstinence Education

I. Description of Policy

This School Board/School Division is responsible for implementing instructional materials that guide students in upholding the values of good citizenship and laying a foundation for their future success. Providing for students' health and well-being promotes academic success and achievement and provides a path to future stability and life success. The Success Sequence is a widely recognized framework that guides students on the best steps to build a healthy, stable, and productive life. Good citizenship instruction should include the importance of positive personal and societal outcomes, such as:

- A. Obtaining a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential;
- B. Securing full-time employment or preparing for full-time homemaking; and
- C. Reserving all sexual activity and childbearing for marriage.

II. Instructional Requirement

This **School District** will implement instructional materials, such as a high school-level course, that use evidence-based methods to promote personal and societal success regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic background. These steps, known as the success sequence, include earning at least a high school degree, working after graduating high school or pursuing postsecondary studies, and reserving sexual activity and childbearing for marriage. These instructional materials will be implemented to help students avoid poverty in adulthood, succeed in the workplace, have healthy family relationships, and flourish in life.¹

III. Success Sequence as an Alternative

This School Board will make available the good citizenship instruction following the success sequence with an emphasis on abstinence until marriage as an alternative for parents/guardians seeking to opt their student out of other sexual education or sexual risk reduction education that they believe conflicts with their sincerely held religious beliefs. This alternative will be provided in accordance with the United States Supreme Court's Ruling in *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, issued in June of 2025.

¹The Heritage Foundation, "Teaching the Success Sequence to Help Every Child Succeed in School and in Life: Model State/District School Board Policy," November 16, 2023, <https://www.heritage.org/model-legislation/teaching-the-success-sequence-help-every-child-succeed-school-and-life-model-statedistrict>.