AAUW-WI Public Policy Statement 2022-24

1. ***To preserve a strong system of public education promoting equity, inclusion, and diversity,***

AAUW-WI advocates for

* Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and other civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination at all levels of education from early childhood development through elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions
* Promotion of programs, activities, and curricula that teach critical thinking, tolerance, conflict resolution, and the value of diversity
* Equitable and adequate funding to promote excellence and quality public education
* Rigorous state standards for entry into the teaching profession and recognition of a teaching license as the primary requirement for employment in public schools
* Education program to address equity issues
* Opposition to diversions of public funds to non-public elementary and secondary schools, e.g. tuition tax credits, vouchers, etc.
* Comprehensive and medically accurate health and human sexuality programs, research-based science, the arts, humanities, multicultural studies, and world languages in elementary and secondary schools
* Increased level of participation for girls and young women in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in elementary and secondary schools
* Support for and access, including financial, to post-secondary education for women and underrepresented or underserved populations

1. ***To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women,***

AAUW-WI advocates for

* Pay equity and fairness in compensation
* Affirmative action programs to improve racial, ethnic, and gender diversity
* Programs that empower women by providing them with education, training, and support for success in the workforce, including non-traditional occupations
* Public assistance programs for women in poverty that improve access to education, career development, and earning potential
* Strengthening Wisconsin laws regarding victims’ rights, sexual assault, domestic abuse, spousal impoverishment prevention, and sexual harassment through increased legislative efforts and improved enforcement
* Access to quality, affordable dependent care and adequate family and medical leave
* Improved economic security for all women across their lifespan

1. ***To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society,***

AAUW-WI advocates for

* Promotion of gender-fair opportunities, representation, and compensation at all levels of employment
* Increased voter education, voter registration, and candidate development
* Vigorous enforcement of voting rights
* Campaign finance reform that will promote equitable participation and representation
* Expansion of opportunities for women’s participation at all levels of government
* Vigorous defense and expansion of civil and constitutional rights
* Preserving rights of individual choice in the determination of one’s reproductive life
* Improved accessibility and affordability of quality mental and physical health care
* Improved research and treatment of women’s health across the life span
* Support for programs that include adequate funding to prevent violence against women and to address the impact of violence against women
* Adoption of safe harbor laws to protect child victims of human trafficking from being prosecuted for something to which they cannot consent

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