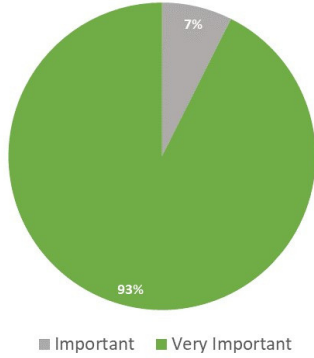


IT'S IMPORTANT

Teens Answer, "How Important do you think it is for teens to have sex education?"



I wish it taught me more about abusive relationships and what to do when you're in them...I could've gotten out a lot sooner.

Rockwood School District Student



THEY WANT MORE

96%

said they wanted to learn more in their sex ed class

“It was not enough. Comprehensive sex education is necessary for a complete education...We need to learn about inclusive sex ed and the lgbt community, gender identity, consent, sexual harassment and violence.

Webster Groves School District Student



38%

wanted to learn more about LGBTQ+ topics

30%

wanted to learn more about CONSENT

WHAT DO ST. LOUIS TEENS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT SEX ED?

We surveyed 55 teens about their experience of sex ed in a public school.

THIS IS WHAT THEY SAID:

TEACHERS MATTER

When asked if there was anything else they wanted to say,

23%

of answers conveyed the power of the teacher to determine quality & content of sex education, highlighting the need for trainings to ensure teachers' preparedness to facilitate sexuality education.

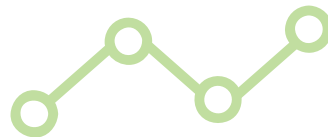


The teacher was not comfortable saying penis or vulva. There was some effort put into the program but none of the teachers were equipped or educated enough to make it effective.

Webster Groves District Student

THEY'RE FRUSTRATED

Plain and simple.



It was trash. - SLDS student.

We need to do better.

- Rockwood SD student

Most sex ed is based on shame.

- Webster Groves SD student



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SCHOOL DISTRICTS REVIEWED: 🍇

- Confluence Charter Schools
- Clayton School District
- Kirkwood School District
- Ladue School District
- Normandy Schools Collaborative
- Parkway School District
- Rockwood School District
- St. Louis Public Schools
- Webster Groves School District

★ No districts were found to be abstinence-only.

THEN, WE ANALYZED THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICTS' SEX ED POLICIES

ONLY:

- 1 district met National Sexuality Education Standards. (Parkway)
- 1 district included LGBTQ+ topics. (Parkway)
- 3 districts included consent. (Parkway, Confluence Charter Schools, and Rockwood)
- 3 districts fully aligned their policy with the updated Missouri state statute that determines sex education (Parkway, Confluence Charter Schools, and Rockwood)

ROOM TO GROW

Human trafficking, LGBTQ+ topics, and Gender Identity were topics listed the least in district policies.

Consent was only included in three district policies

LGBTQ+, Gender Identity, and Consent are also some of the topics teens reported wanting to **learn** more about the most. 🎓

POLICY MATTERS

While our survey showed us that teachers need training and support, policy also matters. Students who went to schools with more comprehensive policies reported learning more in their sex ed class

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