

## Illinois Compiled Statutes - Illinois School Code

### (105 ILCS 5/27-9.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-9.1)

#### Sec. 27-9.1. Sex Education

(a) No pupil shall be required to take or participate in any class or course in comprehensive sex education if his parent or guardian submits written objection thereto, and refusal to take or participate in such course or program shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of such pupil. Each class or course in comprehensive sex education offered in any of grades 6 through 12 shall include instruction on the prevention, transmission and spread of AIDS. Nothing in this Section prohibits instruction in sanitation, hygiene or traditional courses in biology.

(b) All public elementary, junior high, and senior high school classes that teach sex education and discuss sexual intercourse shall emphasize that abstinence is the expected norm in that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the only protection that is 100% effective against unwanted teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually. (emphasis added)

(c) All sex education courses that discuss sexual intercourse shall satisfy the following criteria:

- (1) Course material and instruction shall be age appropriate.
- (2) Course material and instruction shall teach honor and respect for monogamous heterosexual marriage.
- (3) Course material and instruction shall stress that pupils should abstain from sexual intercourse until they are ready for marriage.
- (4) Course material and instruction shall include a discussion of the possible emotional and psychological consequences of preadolescent and adolescent sexual intercourse outside of marriage and the consequences of unwanted adolescent pregnancy.
- (5) Course material and instruction shall stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards of sexual intercourse. Pupils shall be provided with statistics based on the latest medical information citing the failure and success rates of condoms in preventing AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.
- (6) Course material and instruction shall advise pupils of the laws pertaining to their financial responsibility to children born in and out of wedlock.
- (7) Course material and instruction shall advise pupils of the circumstances under which it is unlawful for males to have sexual relations with females under the age of 18 to whom they are not married pursuant to Article 12 of the Criminal Code of 1961, as now or hereafter amended.
- (8) Course material and instruction shall teach pupils to not make unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances and how to say no to unwanted sexual advances. Pupils shall be taught that it is wrong to take advantage of or to exploit another person. The material and instruction shall also encourage youth to resist negative peer pressure.
- (9) Course material and instruction shall advise pupils of the provisions of the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act (325 ILCS 2/) as well as provide information about responsible parenting and the availability of confidential adoption services.

(d) An opportunity shall be afforded to parents or guardians to examine the instructional materials to be used in such class or course. (Source: P.A. 93-88, eff. 7-2-03.)

#### Source:

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