

# QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT SEX EDUCATION AT YOUR SCHOOL

1. Is our school offering sex education to students? If so, is it in compliance with the law about sex ed, including changes made by SB 71 in 2004?
2. May I review the sex education curriculum, including the teachers' guide, audio-visual materials, and any test, questionnaire, or survey about sexuality and sexual behavior that my child will be asked to complete?
3. Am I welcome to observe my child's class session(s)?
4. If our school uses an outside group to provide sex education, who is ensuring that its instructors are adequately trained and that the content of their presentations is medically accurate, evidence-based, and free of bias?
5. If teachers on the faculty are providing sex education, who is ensuring that they are qualified and that their content is medically accurate, evidence-based, and free of bias?
6. What are the religious, political, and/or organizational affiliations of outside groups teaching sexuality education in our school?
7. How can I be sure that my child's religious beliefs and family values will be respected in the climate created by the provider of my child's sexuality education curriculum?
8. Are students who are themselves or who have family who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning included? Is the climate created by this curriculum one that promotes their safety?
9. Is the material offered to my child developmentally appropriate? Are students being exposed to images or messages that are frightening or inappropriate?
10. Will my child be asked to take a "virginity pledge" or in any other way make a public disclosure of his/her personal behavior?
11. If I choose not to have my child participate in the sex education curriculum, what alternative activity and supervision will be provided for my child?
12. Are sexually active students given information about the effectiveness of condoms as a way to reduce their risk of unintended pregnancy and HIV/AIDS?

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