



New Hampshire

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New Hampshire Sexuality Education Law

In New Hampshire, local school boards must ensure that a health education program is developed in elementary, middle/junior, and high schools. In elementary schools, this program must include “the effects of drugs, alcohol, venereal diseases, and AIDS on the human body.” In middle/junior high and high schools, this instruction must include the above as well as “systematic classroom instruction and activities designed to enable students to respect and support the decisions of others relative to abstinence from sexual activity.”

New Hampshire does not state whether parents can remove their children from any sexuality education or related instruction.

See New Hampshire Rule 306.32.

Recent Legislation

SIECUS is not aware of any recent legislation in New Hampshire regarding sexuality education.

Events of Note

*Parent Brings Used Condom to School Board Meeting
June 2003; Goffstown, NH*

To demonstrate her disapproval of Planned Parenthood and sexuality education, a parent in Goffstown, New Hampshire, brought a used condom she had supposedly found on school grounds and placed it in front of the school superintendent during a school board meeting. She said, “This is one of the reasons I don’t want Planned Parenthood here. I don’t want to see this.”²

At the meeting, about 15 people questioned the school district on whether they subscribe to Planned Parenthood’s philosophies and voiced opposition to what they see as Planned Parenthood’s infiltration of public schools. Before the meeting, approximately ten women stood outside the high school with anti-abortion signs. The principal pointed out that the school has never hired Planned Parenthood. He explained that the school’s sexuality education program discusses both abstinence and contraception and that when speakers do discuss contraception they always send notices to parents prior to the lessons.

¹ This refers to the fiscal year for the Federal Government which begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. The fiscal year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends; for example, fiscal year 2003 begins on October 1, 2002 and ends on September 30, 2003.

² T. Ryan, "Alleged Used Condom Displayed By Woman At Goffstown Meeting," *The Union Leader* (Manchester, NH), June 4, 2003.

One of the school board members said that the citizens had a right to speak their opinions at the meeting, however, he said that their point may have been hampered by the way they handled their presentation.

New Hampshire's Youth: Statistical Information of Note³

- In 2003, 41% of female high school students and 42% of male high school students in New Hampshire reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 45% of female high school students and 48% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2003, 2% of female high school students and 5% of male high school students in New Hampshire reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 4% of female high school students and 10% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2003, 9% of female high school students and 11% of male high school students in New Hampshire reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 11% of female high school students and 18% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2003, 33% of female high school students and 30% of male high school students in New Hampshire reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 35% of females and 34% of males nationwide.
- In 2003, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 20% of females and 23% of males in New Hampshire reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 21% of females and 30% of males nationwide.
- In 2003, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 50% of females and 64% of males in New Hampshire reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 57% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2003, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 40% of females and 26% of males in New Hampshire reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 21% of females and 13% of males nationwide.
- In 2003, 2% of female high school students and 3% of male high school students in New Hampshire reported ever having been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant compared to 5% of female high school students and 4% of male high school students nationwide.

³ Unless otherwise cited, all statistical information comes from: J. Grunbaum, et. al., "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance — United States, 2003," *Surveillance Summaries, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, vol. 53, no.SS-2, May 21, 2004, pp. 1-95. Available online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs/>.

- In 2003, 89% of high school students in New Hampshire reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 88% of high school students nationwide.
- In 2000, New Hampshire’s abortion rate was 17 per 1,000 women ages 15-19 compared to a teen abortion rate of 24 per 1,000 nationwide.⁴
- In 2001, New Hampshire’s birth rate was 21 per 1,000 women ages 15-19 compared to a teen birth rate of 45 per 1,000 nationwide.⁵

Title V Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Funding

New Hampshire received \$44,161 in federal Title V funding in Fiscal Year 2003. The Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage grant requires states to provide three state-raised dollars or the equivalent in services for every four federal dollars received. The state match can be provided in part or in full by local groups. New Hampshire’s match is made up of both funding and in-kind services from the media outlets that run its campaign. The New Hampshire Department of Health has control over this funding.

New Hampshire uses the *Not Me, Not Now* media campaign to target youth ages ten to 14.

Special Projects of Regional and National Significance–Community Based Abstinence Education (SPRANS–CBAE) and Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) Grantees

There are no SPRANS–CBAE or AFLA grantees in New Hampshire.

Federal and State Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2003

Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee Length of Grant	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes SPRANS-CBAE, Title V, and AFLA)
New Hampshire Department of Health www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/DHHS_SITE/Special+Initiatives/abstinence-task-force.htm	\$44,161 federal	Title V

⁴ U.S. Teenage Pregnancy Statistics: Overall Trends, Trends by Race and Ethnicity and State-by-State Information, (New York: Alan Guttmacher Institute, February, 2004). Available online at www.guttmacher.org.

⁵ A. Papillo, et.al., *Facts at a Glance*, (Washington, DC: Child Trends, February, 2004).

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New Hampshire Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education

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Newspapers in New Hampshire

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