



## Facts you Should Know

1. In 2007, 48% of high school students had sexual intercourse, and 15% of high school students have had four or more sex partners during their life.
2. 35% of high school students were currently sexually active in 2007.
3. In 2006, an estimated 5,259 young people aged 13-34 in the 33 states reporting to CDC were diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, representing about 14% of the persons diagnosed that year.
4. Each year, there are approximately 19 million new STD infections, and almost half of them are among youth aged 15 to 24.
5. In 2006, 435,427 births occurred to mothers aged 15-19 years. The teen birth rate rose between 2005 and 2006 for the first time since 1991.
6. Infant mortality rates were higher for infants of teenage mothers than for infants of mothers in their twenties for all race and ethnic groups.
7. In general, infant mortality rates decrease with increasing levels of maternal education.

Source. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov>



## Sex Education Curriculum

### WILL NOT INCLUDE:

1. Religious beliefs, values, customs
2. Practices in human sexuality
3. Subjective moral and ethical judgments of instructor
4. Tests, quizzes, or surveys of personal or family beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion.
5. Counseling or advocacy of abortion



## Sex Education Curriculum

### IS INTENDED TO:

1. Complement, not challenge, the parental, church and home training
2. Affirm the rights of parents to become involved in the education of their children
3. Encourage open dialogue among home, school, church, and community

## Sex Education for Jefferson Parish Public Schools:



## An Explanation of the Sex Education Curriculum for Parents

Prepared by  
Jefferson Parish Public School System

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Sex Education:  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

Units:

1. Factors Affecting a Healthy Sexuality
2. Growth Changes During Puberty
3. Female Reproductive System
4. Male Reproductive System
5. Reproduction
6. Family Planning
7. Sexually transmitted disease
8. Sexual responsibility

**Note:**  
THIS PROGRAM IS ENDORSED BY THE  
JEFFERSON PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Sex Education:  
High School Biology Curriculum

Units:

1. Self Concept, Puberty
2. Male Reproductive System
3. Female Reproductive System
4. Pregnancy / Human Reproduction
5. Birth Process / Prenatal and Postnatal Care
6. Birth Control
7. Sexually Transmitted Diseases
8. HIV / AIDS



TO: Parents/Guardians of Seventh and Tenth Grade Students

FROM: Jefferson Parish Public Middle and High Schools

RE: Sex Education Curriculum

During the second half of Biology and Life Science, the department of instruction will provide a sex education curriculum for students enrolled in seventh grade Life Science and tenth grade Biology. Only those students whose parent/guardians sign the attached permission form will be allowed to participate in the program. All other students will pursue the regular Life Science or Biology curriculum.

To assist you in deciding whether or not to grant permission for your son/daughter to participate in this program, major components are listed for your information. The purpose of requesting permission at this time is to assist principals in developing student schedules that will place students in the appropriate section of science. It is understood, however, that you may withdraw permission at any time during the school year.

Thank you for cooperating with the school system by returning the attached permission form to your child's school by the date requested.



**PERMISSION FORM**

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
I hereby GRANT PERMISSION for my son/daughter to receive sex education instruction during his/her Biology or Life Science curriculum. It is understood that I may withdraw this permission at any time during the school year

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DENIAL FORM**

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
I hereby DENY PERMISSION for my son/daughter to receive sex education instruction during his/her Biology or Life Science curriculum. It is understood that I may withdraw this permission at any time during the school year

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian Date: \_\_\_\_\_