

**Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel**  
Summary of Panel Review

***21<sup>st</sup> Century Abstinence (2000)***

Brochure

50/\$18.00

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**The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Recommends** the use of this brochure for the following reasons and with the following reservations:**

This brochure aims to educate older teenagers and young adults about abstinence. Abstinence is presented as a viable choice, with many reasons given for postponing sex. It offers a look at abstinence from a historical perspective and encourages the reader to evaluate their ideas, values, and perceptions about abstinence.

The panel members had mixed reactions to the brochure. Though the majority of panel members recommended the brochure as a useful tool for educating about abstinence, they expressed a number of concerns. Specific concerns included: 1) the brochure left out important reasons for waiting to have sex (e.g., avoiding STDs, not wanting to get pregnant); 2) some readers may not be interested in the historical information presented; 3) some of the wording gives negative messages about sexuality; and 4) the purpose of the quiz on the back page is unclear.

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### Review Criteria

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	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	3.2
2. Gender Fair	3.0
3. Sexuality Positive	2.3
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	2.7
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.3
6. Sound educational methodology	2.6
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	2.5
8. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	2.0
9. Teacher-friendly	3.2

Scoring is based on a 5 point Likert scale, from poor (1) to excellent (5). The mean (average) is based on the assessments of the panel members who were present to review the material 10/11/01.

### Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

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Potential Audience	Recommend highly	Recommend	Reject	Not Applicable
<b>General Audiences</b> (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	1	5	2	2
<b>School Settings</b> (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	1	7	2	0
<b>Individual/Group Counseling</b> (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	1	4	3	1
<b>Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences</b> (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	1	3	4	1
<b>Other</b> (Describe)	0	1	0	0