

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review

Choosing the Best Path (2001)

Leader Guide, Student Manual, and Video (30 minutes)

Target audience: Grades 7-8

Cost: \$395.00 for leader guide, 20 student manuals and video, \$5.00 for each additional student manual

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Does Not Recommend the use of this leader guide, student manual, and video for the following reasons:**

This is the 2001, updated version of the *Choosing the Best* curriculum, published in 1993 and 1995. *Choosing the Best Path* uses an abstinence-until-marriage approach to sexuality education.

The panel stated that the curriculum presents information that is inaccurate and/or misleading, includes statistics not supported with credible sources and contains notes in the text that do not match notes in the bibliography. They felt the curriculum conveyed a negative view of sexuality, contained gender biased and culturally biased messages, and was not inclusive of GLBT youth. The panel stated that although the curriculum addresses some topics that are positive and useful (i.e., relationship skill building, character building), they were presented in a negative way that is potentially harmful to youth. They felt that the curriculum does not encourage positive discussion of the material presented.

MSERRP panel members felt that the individual and group activities did not use sound educational methodology as they were simplistic, non-interactive, and used scare tactics. The panel found many of the exercises to be offensive and poorly designed.

The panel does not recommend the use of this curriculum for any audience.

Choosing the Best (2001)

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Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	1.0
2. Gender Fair	1.0
3. Sexuality Positive	1.0
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	1.7
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	1.0
6. Sound educational methodology	1.4
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	1.0
8. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	1.0
9. Teacher-friendly	1.7

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 1/30/03.

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Assessment Criteria			
Overall Recommendation	Recommend highly 0	Recommend 0	Reject 7
Audience For what audience is this resource appropriate?	Audience targeted by the resource 0	Other audience(s) 0	Not Appropriate for any audience 7
Facilitation Skills Required How knowledgeable and skilled must the facilitator be to use this resource effectively?	Requires leader with strong content knowledge and group skills 0	Requires leader with moderate content knowledge and group skills 0	Requires leader with little content knowledge and group skills 7
Multicultural Perspective Does this resource address the needs of communities of color; and/or issues of sexual orientation, gender, and disability	Resource is culturally specific. 0	Resource is Multicultural/ Inclusive 0	Resource does not address the needs/issues of diverse populations 7