

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel
Summary of Panel Review

***Growing Into Healthy Sexuality* (1998)**

Curriculum (207 pages)

Target audience: Grades 6-8

Cost: \$59.95, plus \$7.95 for shipping

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Recommends the use of this curriculum for the following reasons:**

This curriculum contains eight lessons including self-esteem issues, gender roles, communication, puberty, and consequences of sexual expression. Although the panel expressed concerns that the curriculum was too basic for 6th through 8th grades and makes minimal references to cultural differences, the language used is respectful of all sexual orientations and family structures. In addition, the format allows teachers to use the curriculum as a whole or in pieces (i.e., “pick and choose” activities, lessons, questions). The panel strongly suggests that a skilled and sensitive instructor facilitate this curriculum, and recommends using this curriculum for 4th through 6th grades, with appropriate adaptations for each grade level.

Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	4.3
2. Gender Fair	4.2
3. Sexuality Positive	4.1
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	3.7
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.7
6. Sound educational methodology	4.1
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	4.1

(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 05/99.)

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Potential Audience	Recommend highly	Recommend	Reject	No response
General Audiences (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	6	9	1	0
School Settings (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	10	6	0	0
Individual/Group Counseling (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	4	11	1	0
Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	7	6	1	2
Other (Describe)	1	0	0	15