

Recommended

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review
Review Date: November 2000

***Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Grades 7-9* (1999)**

Format: Curriculum

Target audience: grades 7-9

Cost: \$75.00 plus \$9.00 for shipping and handling

Unitarian Universalist Association

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

Review Summary:

This curriculum offers an inclusive, comprehensive format for discussing sexuality in all aspects of our lives. It includes sessions of activities and questions to demystify and talk about sexuality; gender; sexual orientation and identity; relationships; sex and body awareness; STDs; parenthood; abuse; and unintended pregnancy in a positive, non-judgmental context. It outlines abstinence until maturity and lifelong monogamy as the healthiest relationships.

Some of the technical information such as state-specific policies and laws pertaining to abortion and paternity need to be supplemented by speakers, but overall this is a very accurate and comprehensive curriculum. Because it is so comprehensive, it requires a lot of preparation. Teachers must go through training, as well as spend a lot of time preparing and understanding the lessons. Furthermore, the curriculum requires parental support and involvement.

This is a highly recommended curriculum if a teacher can meet the time commitments to make this an effective, positive experience.

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Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	4.6
2. Gender Fair	4.1
3. Sexuality Positive	4.9
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	4.5
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.2
6. Sound educational methodology	4.3
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	4.5

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 11/00.

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Potential Audience	Recommend	Reject
General Audiences (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	13	0
School Settings (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	13	0
Individual/Group Counseling (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	9	4
Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	13	0
Other (Describe)	0	0