

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel
Summary of Panel Review

Filling the Gaps: Hard to Teach Topics in Sexuality Education (1998)

A Supplementary Teacher's Manual, not a Curriculum

Target Audience: high-school aged youth; some lessons appropriate for middle school students

Cost: \$19.95

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)

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

This teacher's manual offers a variety of approaches to controversial topics with interactive skill-building exercises, clear instructions, and a user-friendly layout. It also references credible sources to support the facts presented. The panel expressed concern that the manual uses language that is not always age appropriate; has a heterosexual bias; and lacks information on adoption (needed more about adoption options), sexual violence, and the relationship between sexual activity and alcohol/drug use. The panel would recommend using the manual for 7th through 12th grade, with appropriate adaptations for each grade level. The panel emphasized that only instructors who have the knowledge, expertise, and comfort level to discuss these topics; and who are already using an existing curriculum, can make the most effective use of this manual.

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Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	4.5
2. Gender Fair	4.5
3. Sexuality Positive	4.5
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	4.0
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.9
6. Sound educational methodology	4.2
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	4.0

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 07/23/98.

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Potential Audience	Recommend highly	Recommend	Reject	No response
General Audiences (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	10	13	1	1
School Settings (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	15	10	0	0
Individual/Group Counseling (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	9	9	4	3
Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	10	15	0	0
Other (Describe)	1	4	0	0