

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel
Summary of Panel Review

Teaching About Sexuality and HIV (1996)

Book

Target audience: Sexuality Educators

Cost: \$20

New York University Press

Washington Square, New York, NY 10003

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

This is a comprehensive book that successfully integrates the theory and practice of comprehensive sexuality education. It provides a thorough review of general principles and issues related to teaching about sexuality and HIV, as well as offers specific methods and strategies for use in the classroom. Specifically, it addresses such topics as the elements of effective sexuality and HIV education; creating a productive learning environment; meeting special challenges in sexuality education; planning and facilitating sexuality education sessions; using strategies that engage learners in the educational process; and evaluating resource materials and program efforts.

The panel recommends this book as an important resource for both beginning and experienced HIV and sexuality educators. Panel members also recommend it as a useful tool for school boards, administrators, curriculum designers and legislators to read prior to making decisions regarding sexuality education.

Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	4.7
2. Gender Fair	4.8
3. Sexuality Positive	4.9
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	4.9
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	4.8
6. Sound educational methodology	4.9
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	4.4
8. Addresses needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	4.8
9. Teacher friendly	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 10/11/01.)

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Potential Audience	Recommend highly	Recommend	Reject	No response
General Audiences (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	14	0	1	5
School Settings (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	18	0	0	2
Individual/Group Counseling (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	10	4	0	6
Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	12	2	0	6
Other (Describe)	5	1	0	14