

sex-ed in Maryland

what does it look like?



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overview

Maryland schools are required to teach sex-ed, however the curriculum must encourage abstinence as the best method of STI and pregnancy prevention.

The curriculum must have medically accurate information on contraception and instruction on consent.

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An "opt-out" policy is in place if parents do not approve of the materials/curriculum.

There is no requirement to teach students about sexual orientation or gender identity.

Sex-ed is not required to be "comprehensive," but health education is.

progress

-HB 72 (2016): requires age-appropriate instruction on sexual abuse and assault prevention

-HB 251 (2016): requires the meaning of consent and personal boundaries to be included in the curriculum

quick stats

- 96% students* learned the benefits of abstinence**
- 71% of students were taught how to correctly use a condom**
- 96% of students learned about other methods of contraception other than condoms**

***students in grades 9-12**

Source

***SIECUS Maryland state
profile:***

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