

Chart for Navigating CSE Terms

ACCEPTABLE SEX EDUCATION TERMS
“abstinence education”
“delay of sexual debut”
“fidelity”
“male” or “female”
“optimal adolescent health”
“pornography prevention”
“refusal skills”
“rights of parents”
“sex education”
“sexual risk avoidance education”

The following terms can no longer be considered protective language because of different notions of what is actually defined safe for children.

PROBLEMATIC TERMS	SUGGESTED REPLACEMENT TERMS OR RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
“abstinence-based sex education”	REPLACE WITH: “abstinence sex education” or “sexual risk avoidance education.”
“access”	BALANCE WITH: “rights of parents.” Granting children access could violate parental rights.
“age appropriate”	DELETE. Never, ever accept! It is an oxymoron in the context of CSE. Adding it deceives one into thinking CSE can be or is age-appropriate, when by its very nature, it is age-inappropriate. (See “ <i>Age Appropriate</i> ” section.)
“and in coordination with women’s, youth and specialized non-governmental organizations”	DELETE. Opens the door to Planned Parenthood and allies to sexualize children for profit to get customers for abortions, STD treatment, etc. Parents and local leaders know best.
“based on full and accurate information”	DELETE: “full.” This means radical comprehensive sexuality education.
“comprehensive sex education”	DELETE ENTIRELY OR DELETE: “comprehensive” OR REPLACE WITH: “optimal health education,” or “adolescent health education,” or “sex education” or “abstinence education” or “sexual risk avoidance education.”

“comprehensive sexuality education”	DELETE ENTIRELY OR DELETE: “comprehensive” OR REPLACE WITH: “optimal health education,” or “adolescent health education,” or “sex education” or “abstinence education” or “sexual risk avoidance education.”
“consent”	REPLACE WITH: “refusal skills.” Children should not be learning how to consent to sex.
“diverse practices related to “sexuality”	DELETE. Can include “vaginal sex,” “anal sex,” “oral sex,” etc.
“education, information and counseling on human sexuality”	REPLACE WITH: “sex education” or “abstinence education” or “sexual risk avoidance education.”
“evidence-based”	DELETE. Code word for CSE programs since they all claim they are evidence-based.
“evolving capacities of the child”	DELETE. Used to rationalize giving children sexual information and SRH services without parental knowledge or consent.
“family life education”	DEFINE. Used as a euphemism for CSE.
“for all adolescents and youth”	DELETE: “all.” Could mean as young as age 10 according to some states.
“gender”	DELETE OR REPLACE WITH: “sex” or “male and female” or other terms in the “ <i>Gender</i> ” section.
“gender equality”	REPLACE WITH: “equality between the sexes of male or female.”
“HIV/AIDS prevention education”	DEFINE. Used as a euphemism for CSE.
“informal” [sex/sexual/sexuality] education	DELETE: “informal.” Encompasses peer-to-peer, computer-based and phone-accessed CSE, often without parental knowledge.
“informed decision making”	DELETE. Used to rationalize providing sexual information (CSE) and SRH services including abortion to children without parental consent as long as they are “informed.”
“in order to modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women of all ages”	DELETE. In what ways? To mainstream LGBT issues? To promote abortion or acceptance of transgender behavior?
“life skills program”	DEFINE. Used as a euphemism for CSE.
“medically accurate”	DELETE. UN agencies falsely claim only CSE is medically accurate, and abstinence is not. This is used to exclude abstinence programs.
“privacy and confidentiality”	DELETE. Not applicable to children. Often interpreted as privacy from parents.
“reproductive health education”	REPLACE WITH: “sex education” or “abstinence education” or “sexual risk avoidance education.”
“reproductive rights”	DELETE or REPLACE WITH: “health rights.” Must not apply to children.
“risk reduction skills”	REPLACE WITH: “risk elimination skills” or “sexual risk avoidance.”
“role of parents”	REPLACE WITH: “rights of parents.”

"scientifically accurate"	DELETE. Sexual Rights activists falsely claim only CSE is scientifically accurate and abstinence is not. This is used to exclude abstinence programs.
"sexual and reproductive health education" and/or "information"	DELETE OR REPLACE WITH: "optimal health education," or "adolescent health education," or "sex education" or "abstinence education" or "sexual risk avoidance education."
"sexual education"	DELETE OR REPLACE WITH: "optimal health education," or "adolescent health education," or "sex education" or "abstinence education" or "sexual risk avoidance education."
"sexual pleasure"	DELETE. Must not apply to children.
"sexual rights"	DELETE OR REPLACE WITH: "health rights." Must not apply to children.
"sexuality"	DELETE OR REPLACE WITH: "sex."
"sexuality and reproductive health information"	DELETE OR REPLACE WITH: "optimal health education," or "adolescent health education," or "sex education" or "abstinence education" or "sexual risk avoidance education."
"to eliminate prejudices"	DELETE. Opens the door to LGBGTQ agenda.
"with the appropriate direction and guidance from parents and legal guardians"	DELETE: "appropriate" as it can limit parental rights or involvement. REPLACE WITH: "recognizing the rights, duties, and responsibilities of parents."
"with the involvement of children, adolescents, youth"	DELETE. Not appropriate for children to be teaching other children about sex.