

# IDAHO STATE PROFILE

Prepared with an interest in protecting the health and innocence of children, this profile provides an overview of sex education in Idaho, including:

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## I. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX EDUCATION IN IDAHO

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO	N/A	LEGISLATIVE CODE
Sex Education Required		X		
Sex Education Optional	X			33-1608
<b>If/When Provided, Sexual Education Must:</b>				
Be Medically Accurate*	X			33-1608
Be Age Appropriate			X	
Be Evidence-based				
Be Culturally Appropriate and Unbiased	X			33-1608
Reference/Stress Abstinence**			X	
Include HIV Education			X	
Be LGBTQ Inclusive			X	
Include safety against sexual abuse			X	
<b>Parental Role in Sexual Education:</b>				
Parents must be notified	X			33-6001
Parental involvement	X			33-1610, 33-6001(2)
Access to review curriculum	X			33-6001(2.b)
Opt-In			X	
Opt-Out Option	X			33-1611, 33-6001

\*See each state's definition of "medically accurate."

\*\*While requirement may say "abstinence-based" or to "stress abstinence" as the standard, many CSE programs only mention abstinence in passing; they don't establish abstinence as the expected standard and fail to emphasize abstinence as the only sure way to protect against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

**Note:** This state profile has been prepared by Family Watch International and the Protect Child Health Coalition. While the information provided is as accurate as possible and is updated annually, **check the Resources listed below for any updates.** Also, **please alert us** if you are aware of any changes, proposed legislation or issues regarding CSE that may be occurring in your state by completing the contact form at [StopCSE.org/idaho](http://StopCSE.org/idaho) or by emailing [StopCSE@FamilyWatch.org](mailto:StopCSE@FamilyWatch.org).



## II. IDAHO SEX EDUCATION FEDERAL FUNDING PROFILE

### Federal Government Programs and Grants Awarded for Idaho

**WARNING:** While grant requirements may state that curricula/programs are to be “evidence based” or “medically accurate” in order to receive funding, research shows that, often, funds go to curricula/programs that are ineffective (See [SexEdReport.org](http://SexEdReport.org)). In addition, content analyses show that many programs ([Link to harmful CSE elements chart](#)) normalize teen sex, encourage sexual pleasure-seeking, condone early sexual debut and promote high-risk sexual behaviors. **It is important to look at the actual content of every curricula rather than relying on labels assigned to them.**

**DASH—Division of Adolescent and School Health**, a division of the Centers for Disease Prevention (CDC), works with community partners to provide training and resource development for so-called “HIV, STD, and pregnancy prevention” programs in school-based and community settings.

- Idaho received DASH funds totaling \$75,000 in fiscal year 2016.

**PREP—The Personal Responsibility Education Programs**, under the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), provides grants for sex education programs that are sometimes called “abstinence plus” programs and that focus on “both abstinence and contraception.”

- Idaho received PREP funds totaling \$275,647 in fiscal year 2017.

**SRAE—Sexual Risk Avoidance Education** grants go to curricula/programs that emphasize risk avoidance and teach youth to voluntarily refrain from non-marital sexual activity and other risky behaviors. Note: See warning above.

- Idaho received NO SRAE program funds in 2016.

**Title V—The TITLE V State Abstinence Education Grant Program** funds abstinence education and mentoring to promote abstinence. However, note that at least one Title V program promotes promiscuity as healthy and normal. As noted above, **it is important to look at the actual content of the curricula.**

- Idaho received NO Title V award fiscal year 2017.

**TPP**—The **Teen Pregnancy Prevention** program, through the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH), funds comprehensive sex education programs for children aged 10 to 19. Note: Research shows that most TPP programs are ineffective at reducing pregnancy rates and some even increase risk. (See [SexEdReport.org](http://SexEdReport.org))

- Idaho received NO TPP funding for years 2015-2019.!



### III. FEDERALLY FUNDED SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN IADHO

**Note:** Programs in **red** text have been analyzed and found to contain harmful content for children. Programs not in red may or may not have harmful content.

See examples exposing harmful content in various CSE curricula and materials at [www.stopcse.org/cse-materials-index/](http://www.stopcse.org/cse-materials-index/). For example, the analysis of [Making a Difference](#), shows CSE programs sexualize children and encourage promiscuity and risky sexual behavior, typically without providing medically accurate information about the long-term risks associated with early sexual debut and experimentation.

#### Federally Funded Sex Education Programs / Curricula in Idaho

Funding Source	Program or Curriculum	Funding Recipient
DASH		
TPPP		
PREP	¡Cuídate!	The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
PREP	Reducing the Risk	The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
TITLE V		
SRAE		

See [stopcse.org/cse-materials-index/](http://stopcse.org/cse-materials-index/) for a menu of examples and analyses exposing the harmful elements to children of specific curricula and other CSE materials.



## IV. OVERVIEW OF IDAHO SEX EDUCATION LEGISLATION & GUIDELINES

The following laws and guidelines apply to sex education and how sex education is taught in Idaho.

According to Idaho Title 33<sup>ii</sup> (current as of 2018)

**Sex Education** is defined as for the purpose of this act is defined as the study of the anatomy and the physiology of human reproduction<sup>iii</sup>

- 33-1608<sup>iv</sup> The primary responsibility for family life and sex education, including moral responsibility, rests upon the home and the church and the schools can only complement and supplement those standards which are established in the family.
- The decision as to whether or not any program in family life and sex education is to be introduced in the schools is a matter for determination at the local district level by the local school board of duly selected representatives of the people of the community. If such program is adopted, the legislature believes that:
  - Major emphasis in such a program should be to assist the home in giving them the knowledge and appreciation of the important place the family home holds in the social system of our culture, its place in the family and the responsibility which will be there much later when they establish their own families.
  - The program should supplement the work in the home and the church in giving youth the scientific, physiological information for understanding sex and its relation to the miracle of life, including knowledge of the power of the sex drive and the necessity of controlling that drive by self-discipline.
  - The program should focus upon helping youth acquire a background of ideals and standards and attitudes which will be of value to him now and later when he chooses a mate and establishes his own family

### Parent Involvement/Parental rights

- 33-1610.<sup>v</sup> School districts shall involve parents and school district community groups in the planning, development, evaluation and revision of any instruction in sex education offered as a part of this new program.
- 33-1611. <sup>vi</sup> **Excusing children from instruction in sex education.** Any parent or legal guardian who wishes to have his child excused from any planned instruction in sex education may do so upon filing a written request to the school district board of trustees and the board of trustees shall make available the appropriate forms for such request. Alternative educational endeavors shall be provided for those excused.

33-6001.<sup>vii</sup> **Parental Rights.** A student's parent or guardian has the right to reasonable academic accommodation from the child's public school. "Reasonable accommodation" means the school shall make its best effort to enable a parent or guardian to exercise their rights without substantial impact to staff and resources, including employee working conditions, safety and supervision on school premises for school activities and the efficient allocation of expenditures, while balancing the parental rights of parents and guardians, the educational needs of other students, the academic and behavioral impacts to a classroom, a teacher's workload and the assurance of the safe and efficient operations of the school.

- School districts and the boards of directors of public charter schools, in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators, shall develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the school district or the charter school, including:
- A process by which parents may learn about the course of study for their children and review learning materials, including the source of any supplemental educational materials; and
- A process by which parents who object to any learning material or activity on the basis that it harms the child or impairs the parents' firmly held beliefs, values or principles may withdraw their child from the activity, class or program in which the material is used.

### Age of Majority =

Based on Idaho State Law, you are considered a minor (someone who is not an adult) if you are under 18 years old. <sup>viii</sup>

### Age of Consent =

In Idaho, the age when children can legally consent or agree to sex is 18. <sup>ix</sup>



## V. PARENTAL RIGHTS AT RISK IN IDAHO

Warning! Most CSE programs put parental rights at risk by either encouraging or requiring that parents not be notified and/or by instructing children how to access such things as abortion, contraception and other so-called health services **without parental notification or consent**.

It is particularly dangerous to encourage students in this way, particularly considering the fact the laws often support what is being taught in CSE programs. For example:

Without notifying or receiving consent from their parents, minor children in Idaho may consent to and receive:

- All contraceptive services
- All STI (sexually transmitted infection) services (available to minors 14 and older, without parental notification or consent)
- All prenatal care services

In Idaho, parental consent is required for:

- Abortion services



## VI. NEWS HEADLINES FROM IDAHO

April 8, 2018 - “This teen mom wants to update Idaho’s 1970 sex-ed law. ‘I just want the info to be available.’”

<https://www.idahostatesman.com/opinion/bill-manny/article208308974.html>

February 15, 2018 - “Controversy over new sex education bill”

<https://www.localnews8.com/news/controversy-over-sex-education-bill/702479796>

January 29, 2018- “Bills would change how Idaho teens are taught sex ed, ban schools from hiring lobbyists”

<https://www.idahostatesman.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article197200899.html>



## VII. OPT-OUT FORM

By signing a parental non-consent form, also known as an opt-out form, parents can protect their children from being subjected to harmful CSE programs. Download and print the provided form and modify it as needed (see included instructions). Sign it and take it to your child’s school, and ask that it be put on file as part of your child’s permanent record and that all teachers and instructors be notified.

A sample opt-out form, provided by Liberty Counsel, along with instructions for use, can be found at: [stopcse.org/Idaho](http://stopcse.org/Idaho)



## VIII. GET INVOLVED TO STOP CSE

You can get involved to stop CSE and protect the health and innocence of children across the U.S. and in countries around the world:

1. Sign the Stop CSE petition at [stopcse.org/petition/](http://stopcse.org/petition/)
2. Watch the “War Against Children” documentary and share this link to the documentary with your friends and neighbors at [stopcse.org/film/](http://stopcse.org/film/)
3. Connect with others in your state who are working to Stop CSE in your schools to see how you can get involved. Go to [stopcse.org/Idaho](http://stopcse.org/Idaho) to connect.



## IX. RESOURCES

- Idaho Title 33 Education - <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title33/>
- Sexual Education in Title 33 - <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title33/T33CH16/>
- Parental rights in Education - <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title33/T33CH60/SECT33-6001/>
- Idaho Legislation - <https://legislature.idaho.gov/>
- Idaho Department of Education - <http://sde.idaho.gov/>
- Idaho DEO Content Standards for Health Education - <http://sde.idaho.gov/academic/shared/health/ICS-Health.pdf>
- U.S. Legislation websites by state - <https://www.congress.gov/state-legislature-websites>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Resource TPPP page - <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/grant-programs/teen-pregnancy-prevention-program-tpp/current-grantees/index.html>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Resource other state funding - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/resource-library/search#?area%5B1981%5D=1981&type%5B5168%5D=5168&sort=recent&ajax=1>
- TPPP Funding - <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/grant-programs/teen-pregnancy-prevention-program-tpp/about/index.html>
- Abstinence Education Grant Program Medical Accuracy Guide [https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fysb/medical\\_accuracy\\_aegp.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fysb/medical_accuracy_aegp.pdf)

### Additional Resources:

- DOCUMENTARY: *The War on Children: The Comprehensive Sexuality Education Agenda* (FWI Documentary) – <https://stopcse.org>
- STUDY: Re-Examining the Evidence: School-based Comprehensive Sex Education in the United States (IRE Study) – [www.sexedreport.org](http://www.sexedreport.org)

- [REPORT: An Evidence-Based Response to a Critique of Abstinence Education \(IRE Report\) - https://www.comprehensivesexualityeducation.org/wp-content/uploads/IRE\\_Response\\_To\\_Santelli\\_Article\\_4-20-18.pdf](https://www.comprehensivesexualityeducation.org/wp-content/uploads/IRE_Response_To_Santelli_Article_4-20-18.pdf)



## X. CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Let us put you in contact with other people and organizations who are actively involved in helping to protect the health and innocence of children.

Fill out the contact form on [www.stopcse.org/idaho](http://www.stopcse.org/idaho) or email us your name, city, state, school district, and any questions or concerns you may have and we will put you in contact with people from your state or one of our national representatives.

**Email Address:** [StopCSE@familywatch.org](mailto:StopCSE@familywatch.org)

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/grant-programs/teen-pregnancy-prevention-program-tpp/about/index.html>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title33/>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title33/T33CH16/SECT33-1609/>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title33/T33CH16/SECT33-1608/>

<sup>v</sup> <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title33/T33CH16/SECT33-1610/>

<sup>vi</sup> <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title33/T33CH16/SECT33-1611/>

<sup>vii</sup> <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title33/T33CH60/SECT33-6001/>

<sup>viii</sup> <http://statelaws.findlaw.com/family-laws/legal-ages.html>

<sup>ix</sup> <https://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/age-of-consent-by-state.html?intakeredesigned=1>