

MICHIGAN STATE PROFILE

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

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I. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX EDUCATION IN MICHIGAN

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO	N/A	LEGISLATIVE CODE
Sex Education Required		X		
Sex Education Optional	X			380.1507
If/When Provided, Sexual Education Must:				
Be Medically Accurate*	X			380.1507(2)
Be Age Appropriate	X			380.1507(2)
Be Evidence-based			X	
Be Culturally Appropriate and Unbiased			X	
Reference/Stress Abstinence**	X			380.1507(1), 380.1507b(2a), 380.1507b(2c), 380.1169(3), 380.1169
Include HIV Education	X			380.1507b(1), 380.1169
Be LGBTQ Inclusive			X	
Include Safety Against Sexual Abuse	X			380.1507b(2f, g, h, i, k)
Parental Role in Sexual Education:				
Parents Must be Notified	X			380.1507(3)
Must be Involved with Process	X			380.1507(5), 380.1507(6)
Option to Review Curriculum	X			380.1507(3)
Opt-In			X	
Opt-Out Option	X			380.1507(1), 380.1507(3), 380.1506(4), 380.1507a
Other: Abortion References: Clinical abortion shall not be considered a method of family planning, nor shall abortion be taught as a method of reproductive health. 380.1507(8)				

*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/michigan or by emailing StopCSE@FamilyWatch.org.



II. MICHIGAN SEX EDUCATION FEDERAL FUNDING PROFILE

Federal Government Programs and Grants Awarded for Michigan

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). 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.

- Michigan received DASH funds totaling \$465,000 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.”

- Michigan received PREP funds totaling \$1,493,165 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.

- Michigan received \$1,752,016 program funds in 2016. ⁱ

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.**

- Michigan received a Title V award totaling \$2,123,209 in 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)

- Michigan received NO TPP funding for years 2015-2019. ⁱⁱ



III. FEDERALLY FUNDED SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN MICHIGAN

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/. 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 Michigan

FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM OR CURRICULUM	FUNDING RECIPIENT
PREP	Be Proud! Be Responsible!	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
PREP	Michigan Model-Healthy and Responsible Relationships	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
PREP	Reducing the Risk	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
PREP	Safer Choices	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
PREP	Teen Outreach Program	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
PREP	Making Proud Choices!	Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.
TITLE V	Sex Can Wait	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
TITLE V	Choosing the Best	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
TITLE V	Making a Difference!	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
TITLE V	Puberty: The Wonder Years	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
TITLE V	REAL Essentials	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
TITLE V	Abstinence Works Best	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
TITLE V	Healthy Choices	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
TITLE V	Teen Outreach Program (TOP)	The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
SRAE	Choosing the Best	The Yunion, Inc.
SRAE	Focus on the Future (FOF)	Teen HYPE
SRAE	Project AIM	Teen HYPE
SRAE	Teen Outreach Program (TOP)	Bethany Christian Services (BCS)

See 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 MICHIGAN SEX EDUCATION LEGISLATION & GUIDELINES

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

According to Michigan Compiled Laws Act 451 of 1976ⁱⁱⁱ updated 2004 (As of July 2, 2018)

(Sec. 1169^{iv})

- Best methods for the restriction and prevention of Human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome shall be taught in every public school in this state.
- shall stress that abstinence from sex is a responsible and effective method for restriction and prevention of these diseases and is a positive lifestyle for unmarried young people.
- Except for licensed health care professionals who have received training on human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, each person who teaches K to 12 pupils about human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome pursuant to subsection:
 - shall have training in human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome education for young people.
- The superintendent of public instruction shall provide for the development and distribution to school districts of medically accurate material on the teaching of human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome to young people.
- The choice of curricula to be used for human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome:
 - shall be approved by the appropriate school board
 - Before adopting any revisions to provide for the teaching of abstinence from sex as a responsible method for restriction and prevention of disease
 - a school board shall hold at least 2 public hearings on the proposed revisions.
 - The hearings shall be held at least 1 week apart and public notice of the hearings shall be given.

(Sec. 1506^v)

- A program of instruction in reproductive health shall be supervised by a registered physician, a registered nurse, or other person certified by the state board as qualified
- Upon the written request of a pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian, a pupil shall be excused, without penalty or loss of academic credit, from attending classes in which the subject of reproductive health is under discussion.
- "reproductive health" means that state of an individual's well-being which involves the reproductive system and its physiological, psychological, and endocrinological functions.

Sec. 1507^{vi}

- The board of a school district may engage qualified instructors and provide facilities and equipment for instruction in sex education, including family planning, human sexuality, and the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic, and social aspects of family life.
- Instruction may also include
 - the subjects of reproductive health and the recognition, prevention, and treatment of sexually transmitted disease.
 - shall stress that abstinence from sex is a responsible and effective method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease and is a positive lifestyle for unmarried young people.

- shall be elective and not a requirement for graduation.
- A pupil shall not be enrolled in a class in which the subjects of family planning or reproductive health are discussed unless:
 - the pupil's parent or guardian is notified in advance of the course and the content of the course
 - is given a prior opportunity to review the materials to be used in the course and is notified in advance of his or her right to have the pupil excused from the class. The state board shall determine the form and content of the notice required in this subsection.
- Upon the written request of a pupil or the pupil's parent or legal guardian, a pupil shall be excused, without penalty or loss of academic credit, from attending a class described in subsection (1).
- A school district that provides a (sex-education) class shall:
 - offer the instruction by teachers qualified to teach health education.
- A school district shall not offer this instruction unless:
 - a sex education advisory board is established by the board of the school district.
- The board of a school district shall determine terms of service for the sex education advisory board, the number of members to serve on the advisory board, and a membership selection process that reasonably reflects the school district population, and shall appoint 2 co-chairs for the advisory board, at least 1 of whom is a parent of a child attending a school operated by the school district. At least 1/2 of the members of the sex education advisory board shall be parents who have a child attending a school operated by the school district, and a majority of these parent members shall be individuals who are not employed by a school district. The board of a school district shall include pupils of the school district, educators, local clergy, and community health professionals on the sex education advisory board. Written or electronic notice of a sex education advisory board meeting shall be sent to each member at least 2 weeks before the date of the meeting. The advisory board shall do all of the following:
 - Establish program goals and objectives for pupil knowledge and skills that are likely to reduce the rates of sex, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases.
 - Review the materials and methods of instruction used and make recommendations to the board of the school district for implementation. The advisory board shall take into consideration the school district's needs, demographics, and trends, including, but not limited to, teenage pregnancy rates, sexually transmitted disease rates, and incidents of student sexual violence and harassment.
 - At least once every 2 years, evaluate, measure, and report the attainment of program goals
- Before adopting any revisions in the materials or methods to provide for the teaching of abstinence from sex as a method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, the board of a school district shall hold at least 2 public hearings on the proposed revisions. The hearings shall be held at least 1 week apart and public notice of the hearings shall be given.
- A person shall not dispense or otherwise distribute in a public school or on public school property a family planning drug or device.

“Family planning” means

- the use of a range of methods of fertility regulation to help individuals or couples avoid unplanned pregnancies;
- bring about wanted births;
- regulate the intervals between pregnancies;
- plan the time at which births occur in relation to the age of parents.
- It may include the study of fetology.
- It may include marital and genetic information.

Clinical abortion shall not be considered a method of family planning, nor shall abortion be taught as a method of reproductive health.

Sec. 1507a^{vii}

- If a parent or legal guardian of a pupil files with the public school in which the pupil is enrolled a continuing written notice that the pupil is to be excused from a class, the pupil shall not be enrolled in a class unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written authorization for that enrollment.

Sec. 1507b^{viii}

- Instruction in sex education and instruction on human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome shall emphasize that abstinence from sex is a positive lifestyle for unmarried young people because abstinence is the only protection that is 100% effective against unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease, and sexually transmitted human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.
- Material and instruction in the sex education curriculum that discusses sex shall be
 - age-appropriate
 - shall not be medically inaccurate
 - shall do at least all of the following:
 - Discuss the benefits of abstaining from sex until marriage and the benefits of ceasing sex if a pupil is sexually active.
 - Include a discussion of the possible emotional, economic, and legal consequences of sex.
 - Stress that unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases are serious possibilities of sex that are not fully preventable except by abstinence.
 - Advise pupils of the laws pertaining to their responsibility as parents to children born in and out of wedlock.
 - Ensure that pupils are not taught in a way that condones the violation of the laws of this state pertaining to sexual activity
 - Teach pupils how to say “no” to sexual advances and that it is wrong to take advantage of, harass, or exploit another person sexually.
 - Teach refusal skills and encourage pupils to resist pressure to engage in risky behavior.
 - Teach that the pupil has the power to control personal behavior. Pupils shall be taught to base their actions on reasoning, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, self-control, and ethical considerations such as respect for self and others.
 - Include information clearly informing pupils that having sex or sexual contact with an individual under the age of 16 is a crime punishable by imprisonment and that 1 of the other results of being convicted of this crime is to be listed on the sex offender registry on the internet for up to 25 years.

This section does not prohibit a public school from offering sex education with behavioral risk reduction strategies, as defined by law, that are not 100% effective against unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease, and sexually transmitted human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

Age of Majority =

Based on Michigan law, anyone under the age of 18 is considered a minor, while those 18 years old and older are considered adults.^{ix}

Age of Consent =

In Michigan, the age when children can legally consent or agree to sex is 16.^x



V. PARENTAL RIGHTS AT RISK IN MICHIGAN

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 Michigan may consent to and receive:

- Some contraceptive services
- All STI (sexually transmitted infection) services*
- All prenatal care services*

*Health care providers may inform the minor's parents, but are not required to.

In Michigan, parental consent is required for: Abortion services



VI. NEWS HEADLINES FROM MICHIGAN

June 3, 2018- "Should Michigan sex education require 'yes means yes' curriculum?"
<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2018/06/03/michigan-sex-ed-yes-consent-curriculum/667945002/>

June 3, 2018- "Should Michigan sex ed require 'yes means yes' curriculum?"
<http://www.wndu.com/content/news/Should-Michigan-sex-ed-require-yes-means-yes-curriculum-484425121.html>

May 1, 2017- "Trenton Board of Education votes to change its approach to teaching sex education"
http://www.thenewsherald.com/news/trenton-board-of-education-votes-to-change-its-approach-to/article_9620e5a2-4293-5879-9f78-84acf46581d1.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/Michigan



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/
2. Watch the "War Against Children" documentary and share this link to the documentary with your friends and neighbors at 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/Michigan to connect.



IX. RESOURCES

- Michigan Legislative Statute on Education Code 380/Act 452 of 1976 ammended Feb. 2018 -
[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(35rjtz03d1uggcxwphkcge1v\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-451-of-1976](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(35rjtz03d1uggcxwphkcge1v))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-451-of-1976)
- Michigan legislative Health Education guidelines -
[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(2et2civdghij0bznskpwfthu\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-451-1976-2-21](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(2et2civdghij0bznskpwfthu))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-451-1976-2-21)

- Michigan Sexual/Health Education legislative list from Department of Education - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Michigans_Sex_Education_Laws_Summary_303019_7.pdf
- Department of Education on HIV/Aids - http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-74638_74639_29233_29803---,00.html
http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-74638_74639_29233---,00.html
- Michigan Legislation - [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(b1zyzctiteqrykluieuv5se\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=chapterindex](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(b1zyzctiteqrykluieuv5se))/mileg.aspx?page=chapterindex)
- 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

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
- 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



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/michigan 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

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- ⁱⁱ <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/grant-programs/teen-pregnancy-prevention-program-tpp/about/index.html>
- ⁱⁱⁱ [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(b1zyzctiteqrykluieuv5se\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-451-1976-2](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(b1zyzctiteqrykluieuv5se))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-451-1976-2)
- ^{iv} [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(b1zyzctiteqrykluieuv5se\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-380-1169](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(b1zyzctiteqrykluieuv5se))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-380-1169)
- ^v [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(b1zyzctiteqrykluieuv5se\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-380-1506](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(b1zyzctiteqrykluieuv5se))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-380-1506)
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- ^x <https://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/age-of-consent-by-state.html?intakeredesigned=1>