

If you would like to begin abstinence education in your community that satisfies the mandates of Ohio's Abstinence Education Law, please contact:



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Requirements For Abstinence Education in Ohio

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Section 3313.6011 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that venereal disease education, (as mandated in ORC 3313.60,)

“shall emphasize (that) abstinence from sexual activity is the only protection that is 100% effective against unwanted pregnancy, STD’s, and the sexual transmission of a virus that causes AIDS”

Ohio’s Abstinence Education Law

The law requires that “course material and instruction in venereal disease education do all of the following”:

1. Stress that students should abstain from sexual activity until after marriage;
2. Teach the potential physical, psychological, emotional, and social side effects of participating in sexual activity outside of marriage;
3. Teach that conceiving children out of wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child’s parents, and society;
4. Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards of sexual activity;
5. Advise students of the laws pertaining to the financial responsibility of parents to children born in and out of wedlock;
6. Advise students of the circumstances under which it is criminal to have sexual contact with a person under the age of sixteen pursuant to section 2907.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed by the Ohio General Assembly