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Ohio Schools and Sex Education Audit Results



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Ohio Schools and Sex Education: A Summary of School District Responses to ODE Sex Ed Audit, 2022

What is the status of sex education in Ohio schools? How well are individual school districts adhering to the state law in the Ohio Revised Code that requires an emphasis on abstinence until marriage and avoidance of teen sexual activity? (See Appendix 1)

The Ohio Department of Education recently conducted an [audit](#) of all school districts on this question. They reminded school districts about the requirements for abstinence (also called SRA, sexual risk avoidance education) and you can read the exact instructions as communicated to school districts in Appendix 2 as well as the findings. Schools were not required to give details, according to the ODE instructions. This is the first of several major flaws in the conduct of this audit.

[Protect Ohio Children](#) along with [Mission America](#) examined the results reported in October 2022 by the Ohio Department of Education.

About this Report

Our analysis provides both good news and bad news, and we have tried to summarize both below. Many school districts did not respond at all to the ODE audit, or gave minimal information, which should be a red flag. Local parents need to get involved and encourage those school districts to report, in a spirit of transparency, what they are teaching to children.

Sexual risk avoidance (abstinence until marriage education) has been a requirement in Ohio law since 1999. Schools are required to teach programs that emphasize abstinence and do not encourage teen sexual debut, but disclose the known risks to teens of sexual activity.

In the summer of 2021, the existing abstinence law was enhanced by requiring schools to disclose what they are teaching each year to ODE and, if instruction does not follow the standard of abstinence, to fully inform parents and obtain written permission. If a school is following a clear abstinence standard in its teaching, then no special “opt in” for that instruction is needed.

As allowed in the Ohio Revised Code, parents can still “opt out” of approved abstinence instruction if they like, although few do so, but no school should be requiring an “opt in” if the teaching follows the abstinence standard, compliant with Ohio law. The “opt in” is only required if non-abstinence instruction is planned.

The goal is for school districts to achieve compliance with Ohio law. Many districts claim they are compliant. Our analysis finds that, unless the Ohio Department of Education has other information not made available in the audit report, many schools fail to be compliant with the requirement to emphasize abstinence until marriage and the risks of teen sexual activity. We

contacted ODE personnel asking if other information was received from school districts and not included in the published report. There has to date been no answer from ODE to that question.

The results below reflect our analysis regarding school district compliance. Our results for many districts are at variance with the ODE audit report.

In spite of the law and the responsibility to set a high standard for children, some Ohio districts have embraced lessons that fall into the category of "[comprehensive sex education](#)" (CSE). These lessons typically mention abstinence in passing but concentrate on giving students "skills" for contraception/condom use, present an uncritical view of abortion as an alternative, and minimize the risk of sexually transmitted infections. Many CSE curricula describe sex acts in detail (vaginal, anal and oral sex) and suggest that students can engage in these with little negative results if "protected." CSE lessons usually advocate LGBTQ conduct, disregarding the known risks of these identities and behaviors. Many CSE programs are now presented to students as early as 7th grade.

CSE programs violate Ohio law because adolescents are left with a "go ahead, it's not that risky, you can manage it" impression about sexual activity. Many schools falsely claim that CSE programs emphasize abstinence. THIS IS INACCURATE. If a student's impression, once the lessons are complete, is that sexual behavior is possible and even normal for teens with minimal risk, this is not abstinence. Simply mentioning abstinence in passing as one option does not satisfy the law's specific language and requirement. For more information about the harms of specific CSE programs, some of which are being taught in Ohio schools, go [HERE](#).

The good news in Ohio is that we have many school districts with a history of adhering to Ohio law, fulfilling their responsibilities to students, and have focused on delivering a clear abstinence message.

The bad news is that other districts, especially those in Ohio's larger cities, are denying their students the lifelong benefits of a positive, clear abstinence message, of hearing the whole truth about the risks of teen sexual activity, and instead have adopted CSE curriculum choices. Some of these curricula are products developed by Planned Parenthood and their allies. According to our calculations, based on the ODE Audit report, 20% of Ohio's students are being shortchanged by not learning an uncompromised abstinence standard because they attend school in non-compliant districts. Misleading, irresponsible instruction on sexuality puts these students at higher risk.

One important point needs to be emphasized. According to the revision of the Ohio Revised Code in 2021, parents are to be notified if a school plans to teach any sex education material other than what is specified in the law (in other words, emphasizing abstinence and the avoidance of teen sexual behavior). Parents are to be given information about and a chance to opt in to the non-compliant program. Again, if a program is compliant with Ohio law and truly emphasizes abstinence, parents do not have to opt in. They are permitted to opt out, but no "opt in" is required.

Are those districts with CSE programs following Ohio law and notifying parents?

This section from the Ohio Revised Code was not included in school audit reporting instructions sent to districts by ODE, but should have been--

“2) If a school district or school chooses to offer additional instruction in venereal disease or sexual education not specified in division (C)(1) of this section [the abstinence standard], the district or school shall notify all parents or guardians of that instruction, including the name of any instructor, vendor name, if applicable, and the name of the curriculum being used. *No district or school shall offer that instruction to a student unless that student's parent or guardian has submitted written permission for that student to receive that instruction.*” (Emphasis added)

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3313.6011>

Results

Below is a summary of the good, the bad and the unknown (since many districts did not respond to the audit.)

To find your district, look at each category and search alphabetically. Some of the information provided was not clearcut, so we have done our best to place school districts where their responses dictate. Some districts are listed in several categories if there were questions about a portion of their instruction, so be sure to check all the categories for your district.

DISCLAIMER: This report is based primarily on the Ohio Department of Education’s Sexuality Education Audit. If there seems to be a discrepancy between this report and information at the local level, please contact Protect Ohio Children (tips@protectohiochildren.net). We appreciate your feedback and will evaluate each contact on a case-by-case basis and if needed, we will provide an appendix to this report in the future.

1. Schools in COMPLIANCE with Ohio Law: Abstinence Emphasized

Good news! These schools appear to be **compliant** with Ohio Law and feature an abstinence focus, based on ODE Audit response and previous abstinence instruction:

A
Akron City
Alexander Local
Alliance City
Anna Local
Ansonia Local

Arcadia Local
Arcanum-Butler Local
Archbold Area Local
Ashtabula Area City
Avon Local
Ayersville Local

B

Barnesville Exempted
 Batavia Local
 Bath Local
 Beavercreek City
 Bedford City
 Bellaire Local
 Bellefontaine City
 Belpre City
 Blanchester Local
 Bloom Carroll Local
 Bluffton Exempted
 Botkins Local
 Bradford Exempted
 Bridgeport Exempted
 Bright Local
 Brooklyn City
 Brookville Local
 Bryan City
 Buckeye Central Local
 Buckeye Local (Medina)
 Buckeye Valley Local
 Bucyrus City

C

Caldwell Exempted Village
 Cambridge City
 Campbell City
 Canton City
 Canton Local
 Cardington-Lincoln Local
 Cedar Cliff Local
 Celina City
 Centerville City
 Champion Local
 Chardon Local
 Chillicothe City
 Circleville City
 Clay Local
 Coldwater Exempted Village
 Columbia Local
 Columbus Grove Local
 Continental Local
 Corey-Rawson Local

Coventry Local

Crestview Local (Richland)
 Crestview Local (Van Wert)
 Crooksville Exempted
 Cuyahoga Heights

D

Dalton Local
 Danbury Local
 Deer Park Community
 Defiance City
 Dublin City

E

East Muskingum Local
 Eastern Local
 Eaton Community City
 Edison Local
 Edon Northwest Local
 Elmwood Local
 Elyria City Schools
 Evergreen Local

F

Fairfield City
 Fairfield Local
 Fairfield Union Local
 Fairlawn Local
 Fairless Local
 Fayette Local
 Fayetteville-Perry Local
 Field Local
 Forest Hills Local
 Fort Recovery Local
 Fostoria City
 Franklin Monroe Local

G

Galion City
 Geneva Area City
 Gibsonburg Exempted
 Goshen Local
 Green Local (Wayne)
 Greenon Local
 Greenville City

H

Hamilton City
Hardin Northern Local
Heath City
Hicksville Exempted Village
Highland Local (Medina)
Howland Local
Hubbard Exempted Village
Huber Heights City

I

Indian Hill Exempted Village
Indian Lake Exempted
Indian Valley Local

J

Jackson City
Jackson Local
Jackson Milton Local
Jefferson Area Local

K

Kalida Local
Kenton City
Keystone Local
Kings Local

L

Lake Local (Stark)
Lakeview Local
Lakewood Local
Lancaster City
Lebanon City
Liberty Local
Licking Valley Local
Little Miami Local
Logan Elm Local
Logan Hocking Local
Louisville City
Lowellville Local
Lucas Local
Lynchburg-Clay Local

M

Madeira City

Madison Local (Butler)
Madison Local (Richland)
Madison Plains Local
Manchester Local (Summit)
Maple Heights City
Mapleton Local
Margaretta Local
Mariemont City
Marietta City
Marion Local
Marlington Local
Martins Ferry City
Mason City
Massillon City
Matthews Local
McComb Local
McDonald Local
Meigs Local
Miami Trace Local
Millcreek West-Unity Local
Miller City-New Cleveland Local
Milton-Union Exempted
Minerva Local
Minster Local
Mississinawa Valley Local
Monroe Local
Morgan Local
Mount Gilead Exempted

N

Nelsonville-York City
New Albany Plain Local
New Boston Local
New Bremen Local
New Knoxville Local
New Lebanon Local
New Philadelphia City
New Richmond Exempted
New Riegel Local
Newcomerstown Exempted
Newton Falls Exempted
Noble Local
North Fork Local
North Olmsted City

North Royalton Local
Northeastern Local (Defiance)
Northmor Local
Northwest Local (Hamilton)
Northwestern Local (Clark)
Northwestern Local (Wayne)
Norwood City
Northwood Local Schools

O

Oak Hill Union Local
Oak Hills Local
Old Fort Local
Olentangy Local
Ontario Local
Osnaburg Local
Ottoville Local

P

Parkway Local
Paulding Exempted Village
Perry Local (Stark)
Pettisville Local
Pickerington Local
Piqua City
Pleasant Local
Pymatuning Valley Local

R

Ridgedale Local
Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington
Riverdale Local
Rock Hill Local

S

Salem City,
Sandusky City
Sebring Local
Seneca East Local
Shadyside Local
Shelby City
South Point Local
South Range Local
Southeast Local (Wayne)
Southeastern Local (Clark)

Southern Local (Meigs)
Southwest Local
Southwestern City
Spencerville Local
Springboro Community City
St. Clairsville- Richland City
St. Henry Consolidated Local
St. Mary's City
Streetsboro City
Sycamore Community City

T

Tallmadge City
Teays Valley Local
Tipp City Exempted Village
Toronto City
Tri-Village Local
Troy City
Tuscarawas City
Tuslaw Local

V

Vandalia Butler City
Vanlue Local
Vermillion Local
Versailles Exempted Village
Vinton County Local

W

Wadsworth City
Wapakoneta City
Wauseon Exempted Village
Waverly City
Wayne Trace Local
Wellston City
West Branch Local
West Clermont Local
Willoughby Eastlake City
Wilmington City
Windham Exempted Village
Winton Woods City
Woodridge Local
Wooster City

Y

Youngstown City

2. SCHOOLS previously focused on abstinence, but have submitted **NOTHING** for ODE Audit so current compliance is uncertain:

Ashland City	Georgetown Exempted
Berne Union Local	Girard City
Bethel Local	Hillsdale Local
Big Walnut Local	Huntington Local
Buckeye Local Ashtabula	Lincolnview Local
Canfield Local	Madison Local (Lake)
Cardinal Local	Princeton City
Chippewa Local	River Valley Local
Clearview Local	Switzerland of Ohio Local
Claymont City	Talawanda City
Clearfork Valley Local	Tecumseh Local
Conneaut Area City	Upper Scioto Valley Local
East Cleveland City	Union Local
Euclid City	Waterloo Local
Fredericktown Local	Western Reserve Local (Mahoning)
Garaway Local	Westerville City

3. SCHOOLS NON-COMPLIANT with Ohio Law, who seem to be in violation of Ohio standards by teaching CSE material or failing to address the audit in detail.

Sadly, when one accounts for the student population in these school districts, 300,000 students are being denied a clear abstinence message.

Allen East Local (Lima and Toledo area): 'Organization is the YWCA of Lima and Toledo. The middle school curriculum is called "[Draw the Line/Respect the Line \(DTL\)](#)". The high school program is called "[Reducing the Risk \(RTR\)](#)" These are both highly inappropriate CSE curricula.

Beachwood City—using HealthEducationtoday.com, which appears to be CSE

Benton Carroll Salem Local: Uses material from ETR Associates, a network partner of Planned Parenthood

Bexley City: teaches both [Get Real \(a Planned Parenthood developed CSE curriculum\)](#) and also Glencoe text and CDC material

Boardman Local: teaches [Health Smart](#) from ETR Associates, a Planned Parenthood network partner

Carrollton Exempted Village—This district uses online websites on consent and “healthy relationships” that seem to take teen sexuality as a given, rather than stressing abstinence until marriage.

Chagrin Falls Exempted Village—Teaches “Power to Decide,” a condom & abortion- friendly curriculum.

Cincinnati City Schools claims to be compliant, but uses Goodheart-Wilcox material, copyright 2018, which they identify as “correlating with National Sexuality Education Standards.” These standards are not abstinence-oriented—quite the opposite. The NSES were developed by abortion-supporting groups and advocates of teen sexuality, with no pro-life or genuine abstinence groups participating

Cleveland Heights –teaches Edgenuity, which appears to be a CSE curriculum

Cleveland Municipal Schools—Teaches FLASH, a pro-abortion, condom-friendly CSE curriculum developed in Seattle.

Cloverleaf Local –uses a CSE textbook

Columbus City Schools: “All sexual education followed the National Sexual Education Standards. However, the district is in the planning process of purchasing ‘Get Real’ Teen Reproductive Materials for this school year.” Get Real is a very inappropriate CSE curriculum. Not compliant

Crestview Local (Columbiana)—incomplete, not compliant

Danville Local—in progress, incomplete, not compliant

Dayton City—Not compliant—“Due to the late timing of the legislation, we were unable to write and implement a new curriculum.”

Eastern Local School District (Pike)—Inadequate response, not compliant

Edgewood City—In progress, not yet compliant

Federal Hocking Local—Incomplete. Uses Athens City Health Department, raising questions about abstinence focus

Firelands Local Schools invites “Family Planning of Lorain County” to give presentations to students. A family planning provider is not an abstinence focus.

Green Local (Scioto)—Non-compliant. Used materials from Sex Education Collaborative website, which is a CSE site, not abstinence SRA focused.

Greenfield Exempted Village—Teaches from Prentice Hall Health

Groveport Madison Local—Reports using SIECUS, a radical group advocating CSE and child sexuality. Not compliant.

Harrison Hills City —online material from Nemours Foundation, apparently CSE

Jefferson Township Local—Not compliant. Reported this: “The district did not partner with an authorized provider of this content. Nor did the district purchase a program to use internally to teach these concepts.”

Jonathan Alder Local—Not compliant, reported a timing issue during change from middle school to high school sex ed.

Lakewood City -- CSE

Leipsic Local – Incomplete because of staff change.

Lexington Local: “We use Edgenuity's Contemporary Health content as part of a teacher-delivered unit.” <https://www.edgenuity.com/Syllabi/mi/electives/ContemporaryHealth-Syllabus.pdf> . Looking at this Edgenuity curriculum, it does not give enough details, but seems likely to be a comprehensive sexuality curriculum (CSE) which would not qualify as abstinence-focused.

Lima City—Not compliant. Uses “[Draw the Line/Respect the Line](#),” a very inappropriate CSE curriculum

Manchester Local (Adams) -- Not compliant because of new superintendent and new staff

Marion City -- Partner with Marion Adolescence Pregnancy Program - <https://marion-mapp.com/>. Not compliant. This is a group advocating teen condom use.

Middletown Local -- The Women Helping Women organization presented on the topic of “positive relationships, consent and sexual assault.” <https://www.womenhelpingwomen.org/> This is a social justice group that pushes a narrative of “white supremacy” and refers to GLSEN as a resource. Not balanced and not abstinence focused.

Monroeville Local—Uses ETR Associates material. Not compliant, not abstinence focused.

Napoleon Area City – Incomplete this year but plans compliance: “Project Respect has been used before Covid. The district is planning on using the organization for the 22-23 school year. This is an abstinence-based program. Our school resource officer discusses the legal ramifications of classes. We offer a school-wide program with our local police department and prosecutor to discuss the criminal aspects of having sexual contact with someone under the age of sixteen. HS text: Health A Guide to Wellness, 2001JH text: Glencoe Teen Health: Course 2, 2009”

North Baltimore Local – Questionable. Uses Wood County Health Department

Northeastern Local (Clark) – “Program [Get Real Comprehensive Sex Education That Works](#) through Planned Parenthood.” CSE program, not compliant

Northridge Local (Licking)—Not compliant. “We had a new teacher and she said she did not read the standards.”

Norwalk City—Insufficient response, not compliant. “Health education class at the high school.”

Oakwood City –Not compliant. Uses [Health Smart](#), produced by ETR Associates, a CSE curriculum provider affiliated with Planned Parenthood

Oberlin City Schools – Uses Glencoe text. May be compliant but it’s unclear. The Glencoe/McGraw Hill online textbook Glencoe Health. Here is the table of contents: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/ecommerce-prod.mheducation.com/unitas/school/explore/sites/glencoe-health/glencoe-health-2022-toc.pdf>

Oregon City-- Not compliant, Uses [Health Smart](#) curriculum, produced by ETR Associates, a CSE curriculum provider affiliated with Planned Parenthood

Painesville City Local—Not compliant. Partners with teen contraceptive provider, Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio https://ashtabulacountyhealth.com/?page_id=1221

Perry Local (Allen) – Not compliant. “The program was called "[Reducing the Risk](#)" and was presented by a member of the YWCA of Northwest Ohio.” This is a CSE curriculum.

Perry Local (Lake)—Not compliant, partners with a family planning/ teen contraceptive provider). “Lake County Public Health/Family Planning Department provides the curriculum.”

Perry Exempted Village – Not compliant, uses [Health Smart](#) curriculum, produced by ETR Associates, a CSE curriculum provider affiliated with Planned Parenthood

Poland Local—May be compliant, uses Glencoe text

Revere Local—Insufficient response, “reviewing resources”

Ridgewood Local—not compliant, “not part of our curriculum”

Rolling Hills Local -- Insufficient response, not compliant

Ross Local-- Insufficient response, not compliant

Sandy Valley Local – Not compliant. “Edgenuity -<https://www.edgenuity.com/Growth, Development, and Sexual HealthTopics>: •Puberty, gender identity and sexual orientation •Abstinence, safe sex and making informed decisions •Conception, pregnancy and birth •Sexually transmitted infections, HIV and AIDS.” [Gender identity, sexual orientation and ‘safe sex’ are not responsible, abstinence-until-marriage lessons.]

Shaker Heights City—Not compliant. Used speakers from Planned Parenthood. “Information can be located at: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-greater-ohio/education-training/center-sex-education> “

Southern Local (Columbiana)— Insufficient information. “The district chooses not to include the venereal and sexual education courses in our online health programming.”

Springfield City – Not compliant with standards, but may have followed appropriate opt out. Partners with Planned Parenthood “Planned Parenthood and Family First were local partners and delivered in class programs. Family First provided their institutions opt-out letter.”

Springfield Local (Lucas) – Not compliant, uses [Health Smart](#), produced by ETR Associates, a CSE curriculum provider affiliated with Planned Parenthood

Springfield Local (Mahoning) – Insufficient information. “No Instruction on health issues that included all diseases, not just a focus on venereal disease, was delivered.”

St. Bernard Elmwood Place City—Not compliant. Confusing, error-ridden submission provided, including false claims about state law:
“Instruction will be usually provided by our High School Health teachers. Schools and teachers may partner with organizations like Planned Parenthood to deliver instruction. Please contact your child’s teacher for more information about instructional delivery. Ohio state law requires that comprehensive sexual health education and STI prevention education be provided to students at least once in high school. Instruction must encourage students to communicate with parents, guardians or other trusted adults about human sexuality. Instruction must be medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students. It must include the following: Information about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including transmission, FDA approved methods to prevent HIV and STIs, and treatment? Information that abstinence is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy and HIV and other STIs and information about value of delaying sexual activity? Discussion about social views of STIs? Information about accessing resources for sexual and reproductive health care? Information about pregnancy, including FDA approved prevention methods, pregnancy outcomes, prenatal care, and the newborn safe surrender law? Information about healthy relationships and avoiding unhealthy behaviors and situations (including human trafficking).”

Strasburg-Franklin Local. May be compliant but unclear. “Strasburg-Franklin Local School District uses state standards for health as well as the T-4-C curriculum of "Health Choices for Youth Program" through the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community. The district utilized the programming in 7th (and 9th) grade health.”

Three Rivers Local – uses Edgenuity

Toledo City—Not compliant. Uses a CSE curriculum. “We partner with the YWCA to provide the [Draw the Line/Respect the Line](#) (grades 6-8) and [Reducing the Risk](#) curriculum (secondary Health). Both programs are ETR products. The district also adopted Glencoe Health and Glencoe Human Sexuality, a comprehensive health education curriculum, which will be implemented at the start of the 2022-23 school year.”

Tri-County North Local –Not compliant. Uses [Health Smart](#), produced by ETR Associates, a CSE curriculum provider affiliated with Planned Parenthood

Warren City—Insufficient information. “District teachers employed to teach health education.” Not compliant

Warren Local – Insufficient information. Not compliant.

Warrensville Heights City—Not compliant. Teaches “Teen Works: No Kidding Ohio,” which has many positive qualities but uses peer (teen) educators, not a reliable abstinence focus. Also uses “216Teens.org” and Beech Brook, which feature CSE.

Waynesfield- Goshen Local—Not compliant. Teaches “[Reducing the Risk](#),” a highly inappropriate CSE curriculum

West Carrollton City-- Not compliant. Cites use of “Planned Parenthood.”

Western Local – Compliance unclear. Uses Glencoe text.

Worthington City Schools: “Comprehensive Health - Goodheart-Wilcox 2018.” This text aligns with the [National Sexuality Education Standards](#), which are not abstinence-based.

Wyoming City – May be compliant, but unclear. Uses Prentice Hall text and online courses from Brigham Young.

Yellow Springs Exempted Village—Not compliant because of conflicting messages. Uses “[Making Proud Choices](#),” a highly inappropriate CSE curriculum but also a pregnancy resource center for abstinence.

4. SCHOOLS who submitted no information and have no history of teaching abstinence so are presumed to be in violation of Ohio Law:

**Antwerp Local
Benjamin Logan Local
Bethel Local
Canfield Local
Cardinal Local
Central Local
Chippewa Local
Clearview Local
Clinton-Massie Local
College Corner Local
Columbiana Exempted
Dawson- Bryant Local
East Clinton Local
East Knox Local
Edgerton Local
Edgewood City
Fairland Local
Fairport Harbor Exempted
Gallipolis City
Grand Valley Local
Holgate Local
Jefferson Local
Jennings Local
Kelley's Island Local
Lake Local (Wood)
Liberty Center Local
Liberty -Benton Local
Mayfield City
Miamisburg City
Middle Bass Local
Mount Vernon City
New Miami Local**

**Newark City
North Bass Local
Ottawa Glandorf Local
Portsmouth City
Preble Shawnee Local
Ravenna City
Reading Community City
Reynoldsburg City
Ridgemont Local
Ridgewood Local
Rittman Exempted Village
River View Local
Riverside Local (Logan)
Rolling Hills Local
Ross Local
Scioto Valley Local
South Central Local
South Euclid-Lyndhurst City
Southeastern Local (Ross)
Southern Local (Perry)
Tiffin City
Trotwood- Madison City
Twin Valley Community Local
Upper Scioto Valley Local
Wellsville Local
West Liberty Salem Local
West Muskingum Local
Westfall Local
Whitehall City
Wickliffe City
Xenia Community City
Zane Trace Local**

5. SCHOOLS with Inadequate information. The following districts did not give enough information, claiming they taught students with internally created or vaguely-referenced material, but without details of a clearly stated abstinence-only focus:

Amanda Clearcreek Local
Anthony Wayne Local
Arlington Local
Athens City
Aurora City
Barberton City
Bellbrook- Sugarcreek Local
Berea City
Berkshire Local
Black River Local
Bloomfield-Mespo Local
Bloom-Vernon Local
Brecksville-Broadview Heights City
Brown Local
Buckeye Local (Jefferson)
Carlisle Local
Centerburg Local
Chesapeake Union Exempted Village
Clark- Shawnee Local
Clay Local
Clermont Northeast
Colonel Crawford Local
Conotton Valley Unified
Coshocton City
Covington Exempted
Crestline Exempted Village
Cuyahoga Falls City
Delaware City
Delphos City
Dover City
East Guernsey Local
East Holmes Local
East Palestine City
Eastern Local
Eastwood Local
Edison Local
Elgin Local
Elida Local
Fairview Park City
Finneytown Local

Fort Laramie Local
Fremont City
Frontier Local
Gahanna- Jefferson City
Gallia County Local
Genoa Area Local
Grandview Heights
Greeneview Local
Hamilton Local
Hardin-Houston Local
Highland Local (Morrow)
Hilliard City
Hillsboro City
Hopewell- Loudon Local
Huron City Schools
Independence Local
Indian Creek Local
Ironton City
Kent City
Kirtland Local
LaBrae Local
Lakota Local (Butler)
Lakota Local (Sandusky)
Leetonia Exempted Village
Licking Heights Local
Liberty Union-Thurston Local
Lisbon Exempted Village
London City
Lorain City
Lockland Local
Loveland City
Mad River Local
Mansfield City
Maplewood Local
Marysville Exempted Village
Maumee City
Mechanicsburg Exempted Village
Mentor Exempted Village
Midview Local
Milford Exempted Village

Mogadore Local
Montpelier Exempted Village
Mount Healthy City
New Lexington Schools
New London Local
Nordonia Hills City
North Canton City
North Central Local
North Ridgeville City
Northern Local
Northwest Local (Scioto)
Northwest Local (Stark)
Norton City
Norwayne Local
Olmsted Falls City
Orange City
Otsego Local
Ottawa Hills Local
Pandora- Gilboa Local
Parma City
Patrick Henry Local
Perkins Local
Pike-Delta-York Local
Plain Local
Plymouth-Shiloh Local
Port Clinton City
Put-in-Bay Local
Riverside Local (Lake)
Rocky River City
Rossford Exempted Village
Shawnee Local
Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City
Sidney City
Solon City
Southington Local
Southwest Licking Local

Springfield Local (Summit)
Stowe Munro Falls City
Steubenville City
Struthers City
Swanton Local
Sylvania City
Symmes Valley Local
Triad Local
Tri -Valley Local
Twinsburg City
Union Scioto Local
United Local
Upper Arlington City
Urbana City
Valley View Local
Valley Local
Van Buren Local
Van Wert City
Walnut Township Local
Washington Court House
Washington Local
Washington -Nile Local
Weathersfield Local
Wellington Exempted Village
Western Brown Local
Western Reserve Local
Westerville City
West Geauga Local
West Holmes Local
Westlake City
Wheelersburg Local
Wolf Creek Local
Woodmore Local
Wynford Local
Zanesville City

6. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

HEALTH Textbooks

Many use textbooks and adherence to abstinence requirements is uncertain. For instance:

Ada Exempted Schools –uses Decisions for Health, Holt, Reinhart, and Winston, Copyright 2009

Adams County--Health & Wellness, McGraw Hill ISBN 0078308615

Adena Local-- Glencoe Health, McGraw-Hill copyright 2022

Amherst Exempted—Uses Lifetime Health text which seems to be CSE

Avon Lake City--Comprehensive Health Second Edition, Revised, Textbook by Catherine A. Sanderson Ph.D.(Author), Mark Zelma, Ph.D., Melanie Lynch M.Ed., Melissa Munsell

Bowling Green City-- Prentice Hall Health. 2010 Pearson Education

Cloverleaf Local—Uses Sanderson Zeleman text which seems to be CSE, not abstinence

Clyde-Greenspring – Uses Lifetime Health which seems to be CSE

Edison Local—Uses Pearson text which seems to be CSE not abstinence

Fairbanks Local – Uses Prentice Hall Health which seems to be CSE not abstinence

Ironton City Schools- Pruitt, Allegrante, Prothrow-Stith (2014). Health Pearson

Paint Valley Local --Pearson Health, Copyright 2014

Cincinnati City Schools claims to be compliant, but uses Goodheart-Wilcox material, copyright 2018, which they identify as “correlating with National Sexuality Education Standards.” These standards are not abstinence-oriented—quite the opposite. The [NSES](#) were developed by abortion-supporting groups and advocates of teen sexuality, with no pro-life or authentic abstinence groups participating.

Other schools using the Goodheart curriculum are **Bethel-Tate, Columbus City, Chillicothe City, Fairborn City, Garfield Heights City, Lordstown Local, Loudonville- Perrysville Exempted, Miami East Local, Norwood City, North College Hill** and **Worthington City**.

The NSES advocates “sexual orientation” and “gender identity and expression” as being worthwhile options, and no other views are provided. It is not responsible to advocate these high risk behaviors.

Among the student goals in the [National Sexuality Education Standards](#) is to “Compare and contrast the advantages and disadvantages of abstinence and other contraceptive methods, including condoms.” Another goal is to “Access medically-accurate information about contraceptive methods, including abstinence and condoms.” And another is to “Apply a decision-making model to choices about contraception, including abstinence and condoms.” Programs that discuss the option to use condoms or “choices about contraception” are advocating/accommodating teen sex in some circumstances and do not qualify as abstinence-focused.

The Goodheart text correlates with the NSES “standards” and pages numbers are given here: https://www.g-w.com/assets/files/pdf/corr/9781635630305_sexuality.pdf

7. Some Schools refer to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

CDC is generally not abstinence-focused, but recommends CSE (comprehensive sex education) curricula. These schools cited CDC as their source for teaching without enough added detail to validate compliance:

Beaver Local
Bellevue City
Bristol Local
Brookfield Local
Brunswick City
Canal Winchester
Copley Fairlawn
East Liverpool
Graham Local

Granville Exempted
Green Local
Northridge Local
Orrville City
Niles City
Medina City
Richmond Heights
Strongsville City
Williamsburg Local

8. Schools Providing Little Information

Some schools gave pathetically little information. For instance, **Austintown Local** reports using “Life Skills Training,” but the link cited relates to drug use education, not sex ed.

Hudson City reported only this: “Hudson approved and adopted the Health textbook (2020).” What does this mean? Such minimal response is disrespectful to the Hudson community and the seriousness of this topic.

Others with similar minimal response—**James A. Garfield Local** and **Rootstown Local** both reported, “Town Hall II.” What is this program?

Bay Village reports that their districts uses a “board-approved curriculum.” That’s all the information we get.

Lockland Local and **Coshocton Local** both tell us they use <https://www.apexlearning.com>, yet this is online learning with many different subjects. Where are the specifics about sexuality education?

Same with **Joseph Badger Local**, which only reported, “Fuel Education.” This is a supplier of many subjects for online learning and this response gives insufficient detail. And **Johnstown-Monroe Local** reports the use of www.getfueled.com, which is another online provider with many subjects. Much more detail needed.

Franklin Local reported only “FLSD.” Is this their own internally produced curriculum?

Maysville Local only reported, “All well.” Some verification/details would surely be appreciated by Maysville families. **National Trail Local** reported, “ENLC”—what is this?

9. SCHOOLS in Partnership with Health Departments

A number of districts partner with local and state health departments, yet this gives us no information about compliance with abstinence standards. Many health departments are very committed to teen contraception/abortion, not a strong abstinence recommendation, so much more detail is needed. Among these schools are:

- **Brunswick City**
- **Bristol Local**
- **Carey Exempted**
- **Federal Hocking Local**
- **Jackson Center Local**
- **Kenston Local**
- **Kettering City**
- **Lakota Local (Sandusky)**
- **Minford Local**
- **Newton Local**
- **Noble Local**
- **North Baltimore Local**
- **North Union Local**
- **Perry Local (Lake)**
- **Put-In-Bay Local**
- **Southeast Local (Portage)**
- **Stryker Local**
- **Trimble Local**
- **Upper Sandusky Exempted**
- **Wayne Local**
- **Willard City**

Clermont Northeastern partnered with the YWCA, and there is not additional information. Like local health departments, the YWCA organization is known for support of pro-abortion groups. So more detail is needed to be assured this is an abstinence approach.

Toledo City also partners with the YWCA and uses a known CSE curriculum., [Draw the Line Respect the Line](#). It claims to be abstinence focused but is definitely not.

APPENDIX 1 Ohio Revised Code outlines abstinence until marriage is the standard for venereal disease education in Ohio

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3313.6011>

Parents have the right under the Ohio Revised Code to review school materials—see section G: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3313.60>

APPENDIX 2

Ohio Department of Education’s Audit Report

2021-22

(Reported October 2022)

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Health-Education/Venereal-Disease-and-Sexual-Education-Instruction-Audit/Venereal-Disease-and-Sexual-Education-Instruction-Audit>

Annual Venereal Disease and Sexual Education Instruction Audit Instructions

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Health-Education/Venereal-Disease-and-Sexual-Education-Instruction-Audit>

[State law](#) requires the Ohio Department of Education to conduct an annual audit of each city, local and exempted village school district regarding its compliance with the requirements for venereal disease and sexual education instruction. This document consists of the audit findings from Ohio school districts that self-reported information regarding venereal disease and sexual education instruction and course materials used during the 2021-2022 school year. This audit will be conducted annually and its findings will be published on the [Department’s website](#).

Compliance was based on the responses to Questions 1 and 2. (*see below*) Districts were required to self-report relevant information regarding venereal disease and sexual education instruction to the Department. The window to have completed the audit was July 1 – September 1, 2022. The Department sent email notifications and reminders directly to school superintendents/superintendent designee regarding the audit reporting requirements and deadlines. The Department also notified districts through the Department newsletter, EdConnection, Urban Leaders Chief Academic Officers monthly calls, communication with ESCs, presentation at Connect and Collaborate Conference, as well as during regional superintendent meetings hosted by Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA). Technical support was provided to districts via phone, email and virtual meetups to support districts in the process during the audit window. Districts who did not report during the audit window were notified by email and the audit window reopened September 7 – September 16 to allow for those districts to submit their information. The final audit shows that 83% of districts completed the information for the audit with an additional 4% who were in progress. Districts that have an “Overall Non-Compliant” and “Overall Not Submitted” statuses will receive an email follow-up from the Department stating reason(s) for non- compliance.

District Reporting Status:

- “Completed” – districts who answered yes to both question 1 and 2 and submitted their information in the system.
- “Not started” – districts who did not enter the system to submit their information
- “In Progress” – districts who did not completely answer questions and did not submit their information; or districts who entered the system but did not answer any questions

Compliance:

- “Overall Compliant” – districts who answered “yes” to questions 1 and 2 and submitted their responses

- “Overall Non-Compliant” - districts who answered “no” to questions 1 and/or 2; or who did not completely answer questions 1 and/or 2 and submitted their responses
- “Overall Not Submitted/Non-Compliant” – districts who may have answered questions 1 and/or 2 but did *not* submit their responses
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Compliance

Districts that reported information were determined “*overall compliant*” or “*overall non-compliant*” based on their responses to questions one and two.

The following section provides the individual responses provided by each district to the data reporting requirements.

Question 1:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3313.60, did your district offer venereal disease and sexual education instruction during school year 2021-2022? Further details or explanations were required for Question 1.

- If yes, please provide the name of any organization or program that provided venereal disease and sexual education instructional materials, including title, copyright and link to the organization or program.
- If no, please explain why students did not receive venereal disease and sexual education instruction.

Question 2:

Did your district offer course material and instruction in venereal disease and sexual education courses, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3313.6011, that do all the following? Explanations were optional and not required for Question 2.

- Stress that students should abstain from sexual activity until after marriage.
- Teach the potential physical, psychological, emotional, and social side effects of participating in sexual activity outside of marriage.
- Teach that conceiving a child out of wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child's parents, and society.
- Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards of sexual activity.
- Advise students of the laws pertaining to the financial responsibility of parents to children born in and out of wedlock.
- 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 Revised Code.
- Emphasize adoption as an option for unintended pregnancies.