

Sex Education in Montana

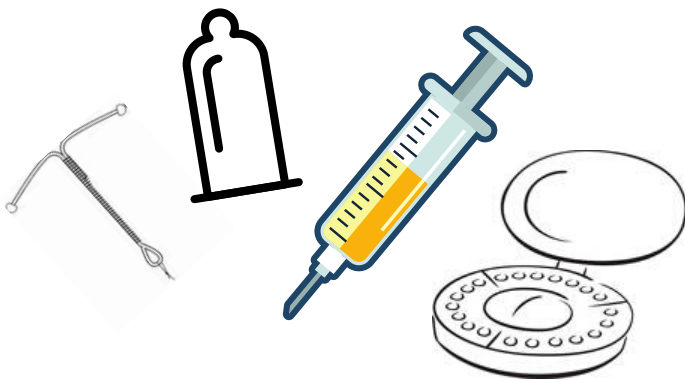
Requirements:

Montana law mandates that sex education and HIV education are taught. It also stipulates that this education must include a discussion of abstinence

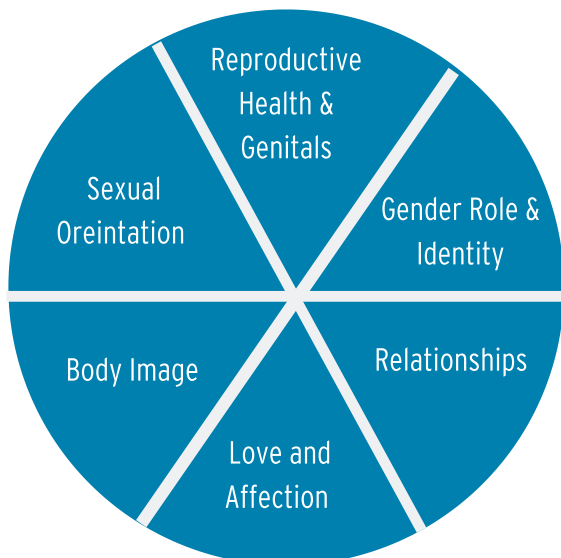
What it is not:

No other guidelines are provided. Sex Ed in this state is not required to be medically accurate, age appropriate, culturally appropriate or unbiased. In Montana, sex education in public schools may promote religion

NO!



Sexuality is about more than just sexual intercourse



There are multiple components to sexuality and these can be taught to youth of all ages in a developmentally appropriate way

How Montana Youth are Affected

According to the 2019 MT Youth Risk Behavior Survey

- 44% have had sex
- 57% of sexually active MT high schoolers used a condom the last time they had sex
- 44% of sexually active MT high schoolers used birth control pills, an IUD, shot, patch or condoms

- 8% have experienced physical dating violence
- 10% have been physically forced to have sexual intercourse
- 6% have experienced sexual dating violence during the past 12 months

National statistics suggest that the rates of individual's who experience sexual violence will increase throughout their lifetime, particularly in early adulthood

Are LGBTQ+ students being left out of this conversation?

In 2019, Montana did not ask about sexual orientation or one's gender identity on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Here's what we know from Gallup:

