



Florida's School-Based HIV/STD and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project
UNF Public Opinion Research Laboratory
2015-2017 Consolidated Data
Brevard, Columbia, Lee, Liberty, Manatee, Orange and
Pasco County School Districts



It is important for school district leadership to have weighted data which will assist them with making decisions regarding curriculum and services that reflect local values and concerns.

Through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Florida's School-Based HIV/STD and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project contracted the University of North Florida's Public Opinion Research Laboratory to gather data through a phone survey from seven Florida school districts. The districts chose to become partner districts in the Florida project for the 2013-2018 grant period. The school districts in which the survey was conducted from 2015-2017 were Brevard, Columbia, Lee, Liberty, Manatee, Orange and Pasco.

The survey questions are related to community attitudes and support for sexual health education and sexual health services being provided in public schools. Forty-six counties receive funding from the Florida Department of Health to implement comprehensive school health services in selected schools with high rates of teen birth, substance abuse and other high-risk behaviors. The funds may be used to increase sexual health education and sexual health services in those schools for prevention of HIV/STD and teen pregnancy prevention.

The consolidated data below was taken from the full reports of the school districts surveyed. Contact Ksenia Zipperer, Project Coordinator, kzena.zipperer@fldoe.org for the full reports from the seven partner districts.

Survey Data Results

Would you allow your child/children to participate in grade level appropriate sexuality education at his/her school?

- 73.9% - 91.8% said yes.

How important do you think it is to have sexuality education as part of the high school curriculum?

- 88% - 92.2% believe it is very important or somewhat important.

How important do you think it is to have sexuality education as a part of the middle school curriculum?

- 77% - 83.8% believe it is very important or somewhat important.

Which of the following statements comes closest to the way you feel about sexuality education in public schools?

- 79.4% - 89% said "Schools should promote abstinence AND teach young people about birth control and safer sex practices."

Please tell me if you support or oppose children learning about each of the following topics in high school: HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

- 95.2% - 98.0% strongly support or somewhat support.

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Please tell me if you support or oppose children learning about each of the following topics in middle school: HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

- 86% - 91% strongly support or somewhat support.

Please tell me if you support the following health services being available in high school: Testing for STDs/HIV.

- 72.0% - 81.6% strongly support or somewhat support.

Please tell me if you support the following health services being available in high school: Treatment for STDs/HIV.

- 66.0% - 74.3% strongly support or somewhat support.

Please tell me if you support the following health services being available in middle school: Testing for STDs/HIV.

- 50% - 67.9% strongly support or somewhat support.

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