

Table 3. Percentage of all sampled teachers reporting that sexuality education was taught in their school, and percentage of sexuality education teachers who reported coverage of specific topics, by grade, according to topic taught, 1988 and 1999

Topic and year	Taught in school†	Taught by teacher					
		7	8	9	10	11	12
1999							
Any sexuality education†	93.4**	64.1**	66.6**	62.5	69.1	51.4	49.2
Puberty	80.1	70.3	58.9	74.2	60.7	54.7	52.4
How HIV is transmitted	93.5	73.0**	74.5	87.9***	74.7***	70.3***	67.9***
STDs	95.2***	74.3***	79.3***	86.9***	75.3	70.9	68.2
How to resist peer pressure to have sexual intercourse	85.7***	70.4***	73.5***	82.4***	64.1	62.5*	59.9
Implications of teenage parenthood	88.4	63.9	74.1	82.2	68.5	66.3	64.0
Abstinence from intercourse	95.2*	73.1***	74.5***	87.2***	70.9**	67.9*	66.2**
Dating	80.7	69.3	70.9	76.8	57.8	58.2	55.7
Sexual abuse	78.2	58.2	62.1	76.0	61.1	59.6	58.9
Nonsexual ways to show affection	76.8	62.1	65.1	74.8	58.2	57.9	55.4
Birth control methods	77.2***	33.3***	52.5**	76.3	66.0***	67.1***	63.7***
Abortion—factual information	63.0***	22.6	35.7	62.6	57.0	57.1	54.0
Where to go for birth control	64.9	23.6	41.7	67.5	57.7	57.7	54.4
Abortion—ethical issues	57.4***	19.5	32.0	57.9	53.4	52.5	50.2
Correct way to use a condom	52.8*	16.3***	29.9***	55.1***	47.3***	48.0***	44.1***
Sexual orientation‡	51.3***	20.9	36.7	50.3	43.4	44.0	40.3
1988							
Any sexuality education†	89.8	56.6	54.9	61.8	67.2	50.2	49.4
How HIV is transmitted	94.0	63.5	69.7	81.0	85.8	83.4	84.8
STDs	82.1	46.4	50.6	68.2	76.0	70.9	72.3
How to resist peer pressure to have sexual intercourse	79.3	35.5	41.7	58.4	61.4	57.1	57.3
Abstinence from intercourse	89.4	56.8	60.9	74.7	78.5	74.0	74.0
Birth control methods	91.5	57.7	64.4	78.4	83.2	80.8	81.0
Abortion—factual information	82.9	uu	u	u	u	u	
Abortion—ethical issues	76.7	uu	u	u	u	u	
Proper way to use a condom	48.5	7.7	9.6	25.7	31.1	29.0	28.6
Sexual orientation‡	68.5	uu	u	u	u	u	

*Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .05$. **Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .01$. ***Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .001$. †The percentages in this row or column are based on the responses of all sampled teachers; all other, item-specific results are based on the responses of sexuality education teachers. ‡In the 1988 survey, this topic was labeled "homosexuality"; in 1999, it was labeled "sexual orientation/homosexuality." Note: u=unavailable; question not asked.