

Draw the Line, Respect the Line

<http://www.etr.org/ebi/programs/draw-the-line/>

Grades: 6 - 8

Draw the Line/Respect the Line is a three-year, school-based sex education program for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. It was evaluated in three school districts in urban Northern California between 1997 and 1999. This program was primarily designed to help young adolescents postpone having sex. Increasing condom use was a secondary goal. The program uses a 19- session curriculum that teaches youth how to establish and maintain limits regarding sexual behavior.

Three curriculum guides are available for purchase – one each for grades six, seven, and eight. The program was designed to be taught over multiple years (grades six, seven and eight). Some schools may face challenges running it through multiple grades due to other time demands.

Parent opt-out for child

Board of Education Policy 101.13

Student discussion of issues which generate opposing points of view shall be considered a normal part of the learning process in every area of the school program. The depth of the discussion shall be determined by the maturity of the students.

Teachers shall refer students to resources reflecting all points of view. Discussions, including contributions made by the teacher or resource person, shall be maintained on an objective, factual basis. Stress shall be placed on learning how to make judgments based on facts.

Opt-out process

Instructional staff or administration will notify parents or legal guardians of controversial issues that will be discussed in the classroom or through other school activities. This notification may be done through a general letter about the lesson or activity. Parents or legal guardians may also, on their own volition, write a letter to the school administrators or a teacher to have their child excluded from a specific lesson or activity. If such a letter is received, the student must be provided with an alternative learning activity. The parents or legal guardians have an obligation to notify the school administrator or teacher prior to the lesson or activity.

If parents and legal guardians receive notification from instructional staff or administration of controversial issues to be discussed in the classroom or through other school activities, that notification will include an area for the parent/legal guardian to sign in order to exclude their child from the event, instruction or activity. This signed opt-out must be sent even if the parent/legal guardian had previously written a letter to exclude the student from a specific lesson or activity.