

# Ask Alabama Spring 2005: Sex Education in Public Schools

To what extent do you support the practice of public schools offering some form of sex education for students in middle school and high school?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	287	47.6	47.6	47.6
Support	216	35.8	35.8	83.4
Oppose	42	7.0	7.0	90.4
Strongly oppose	37	6.1	6.1	96.5
Undecided	21	3.5	3.5	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

If sex education is taught in the public schools, should a student's participation require parental permission?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	449	74.5	74.5	74.5
No	141	23.4	23.4	97.8
Undecided	13	2.2	2.2	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Sex Ed Content: Teaching abstinence as a method to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancy

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	31	5.1	5.1	5.1
Yes	572	94.9	94.9	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Sex Ed Content: Providing students with information about contraceptives

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	86	14.3	14.3	14.3
Yes	517	85.7	85.7	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Sex Ed Content: Informing students about how to prevent rape

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	24	4.0	4.0	4.0
Yes	579	96.0	96.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

**Sex Ed Content: Informing students about what they should do if they are raped**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	18	3.0	3.0	3.0
	Yes	585	97.0	97.0	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

**Sex Ed Content: Providing information about HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	15	2.5	2.5	2.5
	Yes	588	97.5	97.5	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

**Sex Ed Content: Providing information about issues associated with homosexuality in a neutral manner that neither promotes nor condemns**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	170	28.2	28.2	28.2
	Yes	433	71.8	71.8	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

**Are you the parent or guardian of school-aged children in K-12?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	195	32.3	32.4	32.4
	No	401	66.5	66.7	99.2
	No answer	5	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	601	99.7	100.0	
Missing	System	2	.3		
Total		603	100.0		

**Do you consider yourself to be very religious, somewhat religious, or not at all religious?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very religious	279	46.3	46.6	46.6
	Somewhat religious	296	49.1	49.4	96.0
	Not at all religious	17	2.8	2.8	98.8
	No answer	7	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	599	99.3	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.7		
Total		603	100.0		