

Students' Thoughts on Sexual Health Education in Wisconsin



What students said they wanted adults to know about sexual health education

I would just like adults to say, "**If you ever need to talk about something, I'm here!**"

We should start with the basics: what is sex, what is safe sex, what is a healthy relationship.



We should focus on what to do if you have an STI or if you get pregnant, and **how to prevent getting pregnant besides abstinence..**

I absolutely think **how to access health care services** should be covered. It is also important to talk about what the process of getting care looks like.

Students also said:

- **Schools should extend more opportunities to parents** about how to support their child during this time.
- The curricula are very focused on abstinence, but it's important to know how to prevent an STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection), **how to get tested, what to do if you have an STI.**
- The enthusiasm that guest speakers bring matters for making a space collaborative and engaging. An interactive set-up is good. **By making the class open for discussion, it encourages questions.**

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PATCH (Providers and Teens Communicating for Health) youth participated in the gathering of this data by conducting two focus groups with high school students (15 to 17 years old) from rural and urban communities around the state.

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