

Comprehensive Sex Education: An Opportunity for More Inclusive Education

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- What is Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE)?
- A K-12 Framework for Comprehensive Sex Education

Comprehensive Sex Education for Social Change

- Better sexual health outcomes
- Create a culture shift
 - Reproductive Justice
 - LGBTQ+ equality
 - Sexual violence prevention
 - Gender equity
 - Dismantling white supremacy
- Improve social and emotional well-being

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- 33 states and the District of Columbia mandate sex education.
- 13 states do not require sex education or HIV/STI instruction to be any of the following: age-appropriate, medically accurate, culturally responsive, or evidence-based/evidence-informed.
- Only 9 states require culturally responsive sex education and HIV/STI instruction.
- 10 states have policies that include affirming sexual orientation instruction on LGBTQ identities or discussion of sexual health for LGBTQ youth.
- 7 states explicitly require instruction that discriminates against LGBTQ people.

Comprehensive Sex Education for Social Change: Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth

- Representation
 - Curriculum
 - Data collection
- Elements of Reproductive Justice
- Trauma Informed
- Holistic

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- Policy change
 - Federal: Real Education and Access for Healthy Youth Act (REAYHA)
 - State: Healthy Youth Act
 - Local: School Board policies

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- Advancement of Comprehensive Sex Education
 - Public awareness
 - Public activation
 - Toolkit
- Incremental advancement of CSE principles
- Defeating opposition

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Challenges to Advancing Comprehensive Sex Education

- Organized and well-funded opposition
 - Promise to America's Children
(promisetoamericaschildren.org)
 - Stop CSE (comprehensivesexualityeducation.org)
 - Congressional Prayer Caucus
(CPCFoundation.com)

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