

Parents Should be the Main Role in the Sex Education of the Children

An increasing number of sex crimes committed by teenagers convinced the education systems that sex education classes were needed in the public schools. I agree with this idea, but I do not think child's sex education is only the responsibility of the school. Parents should be the main role in teaching the sex to their children.

First, compared to teachers, parents have the advantages to know the changes of their children priorily. Parents are always the first people to notice their children's changes or curiosities about sex. They begin to pay attention to the differences between boys and girls. They will feel shy when they are naked in front of others. They begin to find their bodies changing mystically. Some of them even want to have the sex experiences. A study showed that about one quarter of Year 10 students and half of Year 12 students have had vaginal intercourse. Of the young people who had ever had sex, about half of the males and 61% of the females had at least one sexual partner in the last year. 37.3% of Year 10 students and 56.7% of Year 12 students had engaged in oral sex. These startling statistics show how children are curious about sex and want to have a try.

Secondly, as the children grow up, they begin to be more and more curious about gender differences, sexual intercourse and pregnancy, and may discuss these issues amongst themselves. Parents can always be the first persons they want the correct answers from. Although they also have sex education in school, they will still feel embarrassed if they ask the same questions

to the teachers. However, parents are the closest persons to them, parents can be good listeners to them. However, if the parents refused to answer, they will probably find out from TVs, magazines, internets or even from their friends which will be incorrect or even bad for themselves.

Thirdly, parents are also good examples for their children. They can be the real model of their children. Parents' attitude of sex can always decide the children's attitudes. If parents act embarrassed or mortified talking about sex, your children will get the message that sexual issues are taboo topics and they probably dare not to talk about it in public. What's more, the chances for the parents to talk about sex are always more flexible than the teachers have. Parents can talk about the issues at many casual occasions at home, for example, when seeing a movie or playing together while teachers always talk about in the class which seems very formal, serious and makes the children stressful to talk about it.

Anyway, in my opinion, sex education is an ongoing process, parents should be the best teacher to teach their children as their ongoing teacher.