

CSE TALKING POINTS: What the Research Shows

“Re-examining the Evidence: School-Based Comprehensive Sex Education
in the United States”

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“More evidence of failure than success for CSE programs in U.S. Schools”

1. A recent, comprehensive analysis found insufficient evidence of effectiveness for U.S. school-based comprehensive sex education (CSE), when measured by standards derived from the field of prevention research. (See *SexEdReport.org*)
2. The researchers found no evidence for CSE effectiveness in preventing teen pregnancy or STDs in school populations.
3. School-based CSE programs were not effective at producing sustained increases in teen abstinence or consistent condom use.
4. Some school-based CSE programs produced negative effects including sexual initiation, pregnancy and oral sex.
5. There was more evidence of effectiveness for abstinence education than CSE in school settings.
6. The researchers concluded there is not adequate scientific justification for the dissemination of CSE in U.S. schools.