



Protect Ohio Children  
Stop OBSCENITY in Classrooms

# Protect Ohio Children Coalition

## Using Public Records Requests to Get Results

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*Protect Ohio Children Coalition* is being facilitated by Ohio Value Voters, Inc. under the guidance of the National Protect Child Health Coalition (PCHC)



# Protect Ohio Children Goals

1. **FIND EVIDENCE OF OBSCENITY**

Find Ohio schools that are using Planned Parenthood Comprehensive Sexuality Education Curriculum (CSE).

2. **BUILD THE COALITION**

Working under the leadership of the national “Protect Child Health Coalition” build a coalition in Ohio to monitor materials that could be harmful to minors.

3. **STRENGTHEN AND CHANGE OHIO LAW**

Influence the Ohio legislature to strengthen and change Ohio law to protect children from CSE and remove obscenity exemptions for teachers (and libraries).

# Tools and Techniques

- ★ Inspect curriculum at local schools
- ★ Use these websites as resources:  
[www.protectchildhealth.org](http://www.protectchildhealth.org)  
[www.sexedreport.org](http://www.sexedreport.org)
- ★ FOIA: Public Records Requests

## Ohio Attorney General, Dave Yost

*"My office fulfills this duty, in part, by empowering citizens to become voluntary watchdogs through the use of a powerful tool: public records. As a former newspaper reporter and State Auditor, I fully support government transparency and your right to know what goes on behind the scenes."*





# FOIA – Freedom of Information Act



## Ohio Value Voters

March 14, 2019

Columbus City Schools  
1091 King Ave  
Columbus, OH 43212-2204

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Pursuant to the Ohio Public Records Act, R.C. 149.43 and the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, [and/or the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a,] I hereby request a list of all Sex Education Curriculum for all K through 12 classes for all Columbus City Schools.

I am requesting these records as a representative of a non-profit program "Protect Ohio Children: Stop OBSCENITY in Classrooms."

Please provide information on all sexuality education grants received from all sources including "PREP" and "Title" grants from federal agencies or otherwise, for the fiscal years 2015 through the present (2018-2019). And please provide all supplemental materials funded as part of these grants. We are specifically requesting all information regarding grants for pregnancy prevention education and HIV prevention education.

This includes, but is not limited to, any funding for the following curricula: *Rights, Respect, Responsibility; Get Real; F.L.A.S.H.; Making Proud Choices, Reducing the Risk; Be Proud Be Responsible.*

Please provide emails and all communications with grantors and schools for the years 2015 to the present regarding this funding and please provide names of all community organizations providing teaching or resources for sexuality education in any Columbus City Schools.

If any expenses in excess of \$100 are incurred in connection with this request, please obtain my approval before any such charges are incurred.

I request a waiver of fees because my interest in the records is not commercial, and disclosure of the information will contribute significantly to public understanding of the activities of the Columbus City Schools and local school boards of education. Since harmful to minors and obscenity laws protect children from inappropriate materials we desire to review all Columbus City Schools' curriculum.

The Ohio Public Records Act:  
"Any person can make a request for public records by asking a public office or person responsible for public records for specific, existing records."

- State Attorney General has instructions and guidelines – "Ohio Sunshine Laws 2019 An Open Government Resource Manual"
- PCHC attorneys can help when there's no response
- Send via email, regular mail, or in person at school board meetings
- Expect delays, vague and confused questions, or no response at all
- Be patient

