

What can I do
if I'm worried my
student's teacher is
exposing them to
something against
my values?



You can **take action**

- Talk with their teacher & share your concerns
- If you disagree with CHYA or CSE, you can opt your student out of certain curricula
- Stay informed - learn what is actually required at:
[California Department of Education](#)



What We Hope You WON'T Do

Tell other parents or guardians
what their child should or
shouldn't learn or be exposed to



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AAUW Public Policy works
to advance gender equity
through advocacy.

Learn about our priorities
and how to get involved.
use the links or QR code.

Reach out for cited
resources.

We look forward to
hearing from you!



Open smartphone
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code. Hold steady until
a prompt appears. Tap
to follow the link.

PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA



DOES IT REALLY PUT OUR STUDENTS AT RISK?



Answers to Alarming Questions

**A Guide for Concerned
Parents & Guardians**

What's happening:

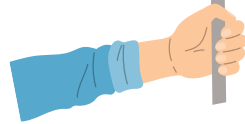
- Activist groups are sharing fliers about CA public education
- They claim schools are putting children at risk & offer "information" about it
- In most cases, it's actually their fears, worries, & insistence their view is the only acceptable one
- Some are purely political and do not even have students in our schools



Are public school teachers really pushing a politically-motivated agenda & indoctrinating our children with their own values?



NO!



While research shows that every human has preferences & biases, public school teachers follow curriculum that strives to represent and provide an education for everyone.

Does the CA Healthy Youth Act (CHYA) require teaching of a "non-family friendly" Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) curriculum?



NO!



The Department of Education, drawing from longstanding independent research, has shown that CSE, including LGBTQ+ inclusive education, is overwhelmingly positive, promoting things like:

AAUW believes:

- Parents & guardians have the right & responsibility to know what their students are taught
- The state has a duty to ensure public schools are safe places where ALL students feel valued & have the opportunity to thrive
- When it comes to values and beliefs, America isn't and never was "one-size fits all," nor should public schools be

California Teachers Association

"We need to work together as educators, parents, and elected officials to eliminate the vitriolic and divisive rhetoric from our schools and communities. Students of all backgrounds, sexual orientations, races and genders deserve to feel safe, supported & affirmed at school—trans & nonbinary students are no different."



- Safe relationships & behaviors
- Healthy attitudes regarding adolescent development
- Understanding of sexuality as a normal aspect of human development
- Important reproductive health & wellness education
- Accurate & comprehensive sexual health information
- Improved social & emotional learning
- Increased media literacy

Everyone wants what is right for our children.

We offer answers to reflect upon and consider if confronted with activist viewpoints.