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 Specific Purpose : To persuade my audience that sex education is important in school.

Central Idea : I will argue that Sex Education is important in school by proving the necessity, describing simple ways to improve/initiate sex education programs in schools, helping the audience see the positive effects of a proper sex education course and by showing the opposite side of the spectrum of teenage mothers who have succeeded.

Visual Aids: Pictures of Amber Portwood, Jenelle Evans, Proper Sex Ed Images, and Bristol Palin.

I. Introduction

A. When I was in fifth grade, we had to take a permission slip home to our parents for permission to be taught certain subject matter the following year. My mother signed the slips for my twin brother and I with no hesitation, completely supporting the information to be taught. When school began the following fall, class size around eleven am would be cut nearly in half. For an entire year, as sixth graders, we studied sex education thoroughly.

B. Main Points


1. The necessity for sex education
2. The ways to provide sex education
3. Ways sex education will improve student life
4. The opposite side of the coin (Teen Mothers who have succeeded)



Body (Steps 2 & 3 of MMS)

A. The Necessity for Sex Education (Need)

1. The teen pregnancy rate in 2005 was 53/1000 girls were pregnant.
 - a. This study was performed by the National Campaign to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy and Unplanned Pregnancy.
 - b. Pennsylvania ranked twelve in the United States (including the District of Columbia), and was beat out by states like New Hampshire, Minnesota, and Iowa.
2. The Guttmacher Institute, which conducts research, surveys and programs to promote and better the sexual health in the US, produces the Guttmacher Report that...
 - a. Only 13% of teenagers have admitted to having sex by the age of fifteen.
 - b. the average age for a teenager for become involved in sexual activity is 17.
3. “Although 15–24-year-olds represent only one-quarter of the sexually active population, they account for nearly half (9.1 million) of the 18.9 million new cases of STIs each year” (Guttmacher Report)

4.  Teen Mom often gives the wrong impressions to young girls who watch the show.

a. The show attempts to chronicle the lives of teen mothers, which could be of use to show the hardships, but often doesn't come off that way. It glorifies teenage pregnancy and does not set a good example.

 b. VISUAL AID PICTURES OF AMBER AND JENELLE


c. Amber Portwood, of the original teen mom has been arrested many times for assault charges. (MTV Article) She has as of current date, three domestic violence charges and is in constant watch of child protective services.

d. Jenelle Evans, of Teen Mom 2 has a long time custody battle with her mother, Barbara over her son Jace. Jenelle has a violent streak that gets MTV's ratings up, but is not a good home life for her son. She also has plead guilty to possession of marijuana in recent charges (MSNBC Article)

B. Ways to provide Sex Education (Satisfaction)

1. Avert.org's definition of a Good sex education

a. A good sexual education "aims to reduce the risks of potentially negative outcomes from sexual behavior, such as unwanted or unplanned pregnancies and infection with sexually transmitted diseases including HIV."

- b. “Sex education that works, by which we mean that it is effective, is sex education that contributes to both these aims thus helping young people to be safe.”
 2. Teach it at a younger grade and reinforce it every year after that (even briefly)
 - a. The earlier the student learns, the more likely it is they will prepare themselves.
 - b. The Health Library states that sex education should be taught “before the onset of puberty.”
 - c. The more the student knows at a younger age, the more likely they are to put safe sexual practices to use later in life.
 - d. The Health Library supports this idea by stating on their webpage that “It should be provided in a graded manner and should be spread over a period of 8 to 10 years.”
 3. Don’t teach an Abstinence only curriculum.
 - a. “Attempts to impose narrow moralistic views about sex and sexuality on young people through sex education have failed.” (avert.org)
 - b. You’re not encouraging your students to have sex,  but don’t be completely naïve to the fact that some of them will, despite your best efforts to postpone it.
 - c. Instead of teaching about abstinence only, you should teach about how to make sexual

relationships safer, and what to do in case a problem arises.

...That being said...

4. Provide counsel to take these students seriously with their sexually related issues.
 - a. Schools need to provide a safe place where students can express their problems to a person who can help them understand what their bodies are going through.
 - b. Teachers should keep their own opinions about premarital sex to themselves, and try to help the student to the fullest extent of judgment free sex education as they can.
5. Make aware the assistance given by organizations like Planned Parenthood and Stayteen.org
 - a. Planned Parenthood is an organization that is dedicated to promoting health and healthy choices in women.
 - b. Planned Parenthood offers birth control services, STI/STD testing, and abortion/adoption services, should those be the choices you make.
 - c. Stayteen.org is a website that is dedicated to informing teens about sex and the repercussions of having premarital sex and unprotected sex.
 - i. Stayteen.org provides options other than the abstinence only method, which is so crucial to sex education.

****VISUAL AID**** Cycle of a Sperm

6. Health Library states that in order to make the seriousness of the matter important, you must use the scientific names for the sex organs.

a. Health Library suggests that you use images that are text book appropriate to share with the class; no pornographic images, no vulgar images and no slang words used to describe processes.

C. Ways sex education will improve student life (Visualization)

1. With the improvement and advancement of sexual education classes, teen pregnancies could drop by the year 2012.
2. With the stress and great detail at which sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are explained and discuss, condom usage will go up and STI rate will go down.
3. By providing your students with the proper care and support systems, they will feel safer in confiding in you or their parents.
4. There will be a lot less teen abortions and teenagers who give their children up for adoption, which may in turn, decrease the orphan rate as well.
5. Teens will be teens again, enjoying activities with their friends such as sports and school functions.

D. Successful Teen Motherso

1. VISUAL AID PICTURES OF BRISTOL

2. Bristol Palin, who had pre-marital sex and became pregnant, but has since begun a tour where she speaks out to students to educate them on teen pregnancy.
3. My mother, who got pregnant at 18 then married my father, gave birth to twins and thirteen months later she gave birth to my sister. My father died when we were eleven, and she managed to get her RN and raise all three of us who are attending college at this point in time.
4. Maybe some of your parents in this room are teen mothers, or you're a teen mother yourself. You need to look around and congratulate yourself if you are, because you are bettering your life and your child's life by being in college.
5. "By the age of 30, only five percent of young teen mothers and 10 percent of older teen mothers complete at least two years of college, and less than two percent of young teen mothers and three percent of older teen mothers obtain a college degree."

(PlannedParenthood.org)

III. Conclusion (Action & Clincher)

A. Review of Main Points (included in the concluding paragraph provided below in bold)

1. Need for Sex Education at a younger age
2. Ways to improve/provide a good sex education

3. What the country would be like with a better sex education program implemented

4. Teen Mothers are not always terrible.

B. Talk to your kids, talk to other parents, talk to friends. Tell everyone what you have learned today about the necessity of a proper sexual education. **Sex Education is needed desperately to help change the way things are in society.** Now is the time to make a difference in your community. **There are plenty of ways that a proper sex education can be obtained. You have to imagine a world without teen pregnancies and sexuality transmitted infections.** You have to imagine a world where teenagers are teenagers again, instead of single parents or abusive spouses like the ones that MTV showcases on their popular hit, *Teen Mom*. **Remember that not all teenage parents turn out to be like this,** but MTV seems to get better ratings from those who are abusive or struggling. Don't let them get away with this. This is not the society we want to live in! Get involved and help kids stay educated on diseases and pregnancy to help them better prepare for the future!

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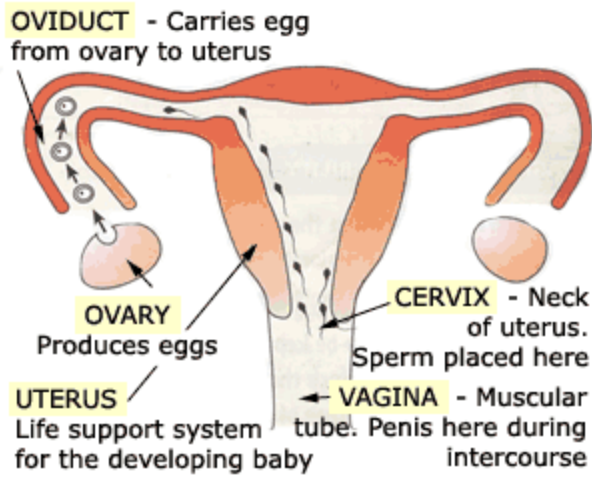
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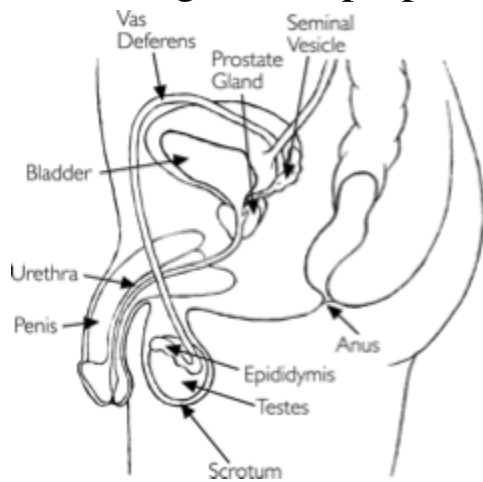


Explanation of Fertilization using Actual Images of the Sperm and the Egg instead of cartoons.



Text Book approved image

of the Vagina and proper labeling of the parts.



Text book approved image of the

Penis and proper labeling of the parts.