

Table 2. Percentage of sexuality education teachers in grades 7–12 who thought specific topics should be taught by a specified grade, by topic, according to year

Topic	1988		1999		
	≤grade 7	≤grade 12	≤grade 5	≤grade 7	≤grade 12
Puberty	u	u	80.5	97.9	99.7
How HIV is transmitted	86.9	99.9	47.2	91.4***	99.6
STDs	76.8	100.0	28.6	87.6***	99.6*
How to resist peer pressure to have sexual intercourse	u	u	29.0	88.3	99.2
Implications of teenage parenthood	62.4	100.0	16.6	78.0***	99.2**
Abstinence from intercourse	78.7	96.6	33.4	90.0***	99.2***
Dating	u	u	25.0	85.3	99.0
Sexual abuse	u	u	75.6	93.4	98.9
Nonsexual ways to show affection	u	u	41.5	87.7	97.9
Birth control methods	56.6	99.0	7.8	51.0**	93.4***
Abortion—factual information	45.4	98.3	6.4	41.3*	89.0***
Where to go for birth control	49.5	97.7	5.4	42.9***	88.8***
Abortion—ethical issues	36.9	91.7	5.4	37.1	84.4***
Correct way to use a condom	u	u	5.1	38.3	82.0
Sexual orientation†	53.6	95.0	10.7	39.4***	77.8***

*Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .05$. **Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .01$. ***Significantly different from 1988 at $p < .001$. †In the 1988 survey, this topic was labeled "homosexuality"; in 1999, it was labeled "sexual orientation/homosexuality." Note: u=unavailable; question not asked.