

Sex Ed: There Are Other Options

My soon to be 10th grade daughter and I found ourselves in a dilemma while choosing her course schedule for the new school year.

In Montgomery County, MD., the school system strongly encourages the Family Life and Human Development course for 10th grade. Since Health is a requirement for graduation, parents often find themselves facing a sensitive topic that they would rather not have a stranger, in a classroom, teaching their child. Sometimes it is the child him/herself that is uncomfortable sitting in a classroom, surrounded by their peers, hearing and seeing a topic that goes against what has been taught in the home, or just suffering from sheer embarrassment, afraid to speak up or say the “wrong” thing.

So we decided to look for other options. Several of my daughter’s friends are homeschooled. I called the mother of one girl to find out how these kids meet the requirement for the Family Life course. Her response: “Our kids take the class online through a university that offers high school courses for homeschoolers.”

What a brilliant idea! For a nominal fee, much less than the county charges for a summer school course, my daughter could take this course, “taught” by a registered nurse, and does not include the offensive misinformation regarding normalizing homosexual behavior, transgender, bisexuality and teen “safe sex” that the school system’s curriculum forces on kids. My daughter won’t be “told” that sexual orientation is “fluid” and can change throughout one’s lifetime. She won’t “learn” that one’s sense of self is determined by how you feel and not anatomy. She won’t learn that surgical procedures can change a person from a man to a woman, and vice versa.

Instead my daughter will learn the biology of human reproduction. She will learn that “safe sex” does not exist, especially for teenagers. She will learn

the real facts with regard to the transmission of HIV/AIDS. She will learn that condoms DO NOT protect against all forms of STD's. That they are NOT designed for anything other than vaginal intercourse-something that the school system refuses to tell the kids, even after their own curriculum development committee voted to tell the kids.

So you see there are options. There is a way for a child to be taught facts, not fiction. A way for a child to learn, without embarrassment. A way for a parent to have a say in what their child is learning. A way to earn the required credit for graduation, without confusion, embarrassment, or self-doubt.