

Table 1. Percentage distribution of U.S. school districts (and weighted and unweighted number of districts), by type of policy on the teaching of sexuality education, according to district characteristic

Characteristic	Sexuality education is to be taught	Decision is left to school/ teachers	Total	Weighted N	Unweighted N
All	68.8	31.2	100.0	13,493	817
Region					
Northeast	85.9**	14.1**	100.0	2,371	115
South	68.4	31.6	100.0	3,090	282
Midwest	59.1*	40.9*	100.0	5,316	227
West	73.2	26.8	100.0	2,716	193
Division					
Northeast					
New England	87.7**	12.3**	100.0	987	45
Middle Atlantic	84.5**	15.5**	100.0	1,383	70
South					
South Atlantic	99.3**	0.8**	100.0	800	124
East South Central	40.2**	59.8**	100.0	672	44
West South Central	64.9	35.1	100.0	1,617	114
Midwest					
East North Central	76.3	23.7	100.0	2,053	110
West North Central	48.2**	51.8**	100.0	3,263	117
West					
Mountain	65.4	34.6	100.0	1,227	74
Pacific	79.5	20.5	100.0	1,490	119
Enrollment size (no. of students)					
Large (≥25,000)	95.1**	4.9**	100.0	223	186
Medium (5,000–24,999)	91.1**	8.9**	100.0	1,550	314
Small (<5,000)	65.3	34.7	100.0	11,719	317
Metropolitan status					
Central city	83.6	16.4	100.0	614	173
Suburban	80.9**	19.1**	100.0	4,915	353
Nonmetropolitan	60.1*	39.9*	100.0	7,964	291

*Differs significantly from national total at p<.05. **Differs significantly from national total at p<.01. *Notes:* In this and the following tables, the states (including Washington, DC) within each subdivision are: **New England**—CT, MA, ME, NH, RI and VT; **Middle Atlantic**—NJ, NY and PA; **South Atlantic**—DC, DE, GA, FL, MD, NC, SC, VA and WV; **East South Central**—AL, KY, MS and TN; **West South Central**—AR, LA, OK and TX; **East North Central**—IL, IN, OH, MI and WI; **West North Central**—IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE and SD; **Mountain**—AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT and WY; and **Pacific**—AK, CA, HI, OR and WA. The total number of U.S. districts does not include the 68 weighted (and eight unweighted) districts that had a policy to prohibit teaching sexuality education.