

Table 5. Among school districts that have a sexuality education policy, percentage distribution by most influential factor affecting policy; percentage that cite any factor as affecting policy; and percentage distribution by level of community support for that policy; all according to type of policy

Factor and level of support	All	Sexuality education policy		
		Contraception as effective		Contraception as ineffective
		Compre- hensive	Abstinence- plus	Abstinence- only†
Most influential factor				
State directives	48.2	53.0	53.5	40.1
Special committee	17.8	13.4	21.5	14.8
School board action	17.0	14.1	12.8	23.2
Teacher support for abstinence	5.6	3.9	2.8	9.7
Community support for abstinence	5.7	4.5	2.8	9.5
Teacher support for broader sexuality education	3.7	5.5	4.8	1.6
Community support for broader sexuality education	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6
HIV prevention funding‡	1.3	3.9	1.4	0.2
Abstinence education funding§	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.2
Formal complaint/litigation	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Any factor influencing policy				
State directives	73.7	65.2	79.8	68.6
Special committee	35.8	30.7	37.9	34.8
School board action	63.4	53.8	69.0	59.5
Teacher support for abstinence	19.7	13.1	17.2	25.9
Community support for abstinence	15.4	7.0	11.8	23.7
Teacher support for broader sexuality education	24.7	33.0	28.9	15.5
Community support for broader sexuality education	11.4	18.3	14.2	4.7*
HIV prevention funding‡	14.1	15.3	17.9	8.4
Abstinence education funding§	3.2	0.8*	3.3	3.9
Formal complaint/litigation	1.0	3.9	0.6	0.4
Level of community support				
Strongly supports	40.6	32.7	35.9	50.6
Divided	5.1	4.1	4.9	5.8
Generally opposes	0.9	2.9	0.9	0.0
Generally silent	53.4	60.3	58.4	43.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Differs significantly from national total at $p < .05$. †Combines the two categories "as the only positive option outside of marriage" and "as the only option outside of marriage." ‡From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. §From the Maternal and Child Health block grant (Title V). Notes: Weighted Ns for the United States as a whole for the three items were 6,838 districts for the most influential factor, 8,314 districts for any influential factor and 8,620 districts for level of community support. Percentages in distributions may not add to 100% because of rounding.