

TABLE 7.1

Percentage of students and teachers who reported various opinions and beliefs regarding SRH education, by region

Opinion or belief	All	Region		
		Brong Ahafo	Greater Accra	Northern
Among all students	(N=2,990)	(N=951)	(N=856)	(N=1,183)
Believe it should be taught	99.5	99.4	99.4	99.6
Students who have learned about sexuality education	(N=2,978)	(N=950)	(N=850)	(N=1,178)
Believe it has been useful/very useful in their personal lives	95.3	95.0	93.3	97.2
Degree of enjoyment of classes				
More than other subjects	76.6	74.2	71.0	77.2**
About the same as other subjects	17.2	18.0	22.9	15.9
Less than other subjects	6.2	7.9	6.1	6.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Students who believe sexuality education should be taught†	(N=2,973)	(N=945)	(N=851)	(N=1,177)
These topics are just as important as other topics	71.1	65.4	78.2	69.9**
Parents don't teach us	47.5	50.6	48.7	44.2*
We need to know how to prevent unintended pregnancy	74.9	71.9	72.1	79.1**
We need to know how to avoid getting HIV/AIDS or other STIs	79.9	77.0	77.2	84.2**
We need to learn how to resist pressure	53.2	47.1	64.7	49.1**
To understand how our body works	55.4	50.5	66.6	50.4**
Other reason	6.3	7.7	4.7	6.5
Teachers who cover SRH education topics	(N=343)	(N=117)	(N=114)	(N=112)
Aspects they seek to impact in students†				
Knowledge	95.9	95.9	95.1	97.2
Attitudes	83.2	75.5	86.1	86.9
Opinions	50.7	44.9	55.5	48.5
Practical skills/life skills	62.3	60.5	65.0	59.3
Self-confidence	56.8	52.1	58.5	59.2
Other	1.3	0.0	2.8	0.0
Most important message it should impart†				
That everyone deserves respect, no matter what gender, race or social status	31.7	32.1	38.2	18.3*
That sexual relations should always be consensual	17.0	22.2	14.2	15.9
Information about HIV/STI transmission and where to access HIV/STI services	52.3	59.5	46.0	55.7
Emphasis on avoiding unintended pregnancy, including accurate information about contraceptives and where to access services	32.0	48.4	20.5	34.7***
That abstinence is the best way to prevent pregnancy and HIV/STIs	75.7	72.7	73.8	83.3
That young people should not have sex before marriage	47.0	39.4	54.9	40.7
That sexuality is a natural, healthy and positive part of life	29.7	22.0	31.7	35.4
That address how the body works/personal hygiene	7.0	3.7	9.8	5.7
Importance of decision making, self-confidence and interpersonal relationship skills	3.4	3.5	4.0	2.0
Other	7.1	9.1	7.6	3.5

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †Multiple responses were allowed. Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

TABLE 7.2

Percentage of school heads and teachers who agreed with various attitudes regarding sex and relationships, by region

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Attitude	School heads				Teachers			
	All	Brong Ahafo	Greater Accra	Northern	All	Brong Ahafo	Greater Accra	Northern
	(N=78)	(N=27)	(N=26)	(N=25)	(N=81)	(N=27)	(N=28)	(N=26)
Females should remain virgins until marriage	85.6	80.9	85.1	93.3	95.5	94.4	98.6	90.7
Males should remain virgins until marriage	85.6	80.9	85.1	93.3	93.9	91.9	96.9	90.7
Important that youth are taught about healthy sexuality	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.4	99.5	99.1	99.8
Young people who carry condoms are bad/promiscuous/unfaithful	36.2	28.9	38.5	43.7	28.2	23.9	35.0	20.5
Making contraceptives available encourages sex	53.7	53.4	50.0	59.3	44.6	37.6	44.1	54.1
Important to teach students about contraceptive methods	82.7	92.2	69.9	86.9	85.8	93.6	76.4	94.4***
Important to tell students where to access SRH services	87.4	94.1	85.1	80.6	91.7	95.0	88.1	94.5
Students with HIV/AIDS should not be allowed in schools	9.8	6.9	0.0	28.1**	10.7	13.6	10.6	7.3
Abortion shouldn't be allowed for unwanted pregnancy	26.2	12.7	31.8	38.2	35.3	35.7	35.2	35.0
Sex should only be allowed between a man and a woman	98.9	97.1	100.0	100.0	98.2	96.4	99.6	97.5
Females who get pregnant should be expelled	25.2	29.9	10.2	40.2	18.7	20.0	17.8	18.7
Males who get a girl pregnant should be expelled	32.5	38.7	12.5	52.4	16.8	18.0	15.4	18.1
Males who carry condoms should be expelled	22.1	27.0	19.6	18.6	11.6	18.9	8.5	8.6
Females who carry condoms should be expelled	22.1	27.0	19.6	18.6	11.2	18.9	8.3	7.6*

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