

What Homosexual Advocacy Groups Are Giving Your Public Schools

FACT: For the past several years, public schools nationwide have received a manual entitled *Just the Facts about Sexual Orientation and Youth*. Initiated by one of the largest gay advocacy groups in the nation—the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)—the 24-page booklet concludes, among other things, that homosexuality is one of the “normal expressions of human sexuality” and that “experimentation and discovery” are “common” for youth. The main theme: Schools are only allowed to provide one message about homosexuality—that it is normal and should be embraced. The *Just the Facts* booklet bases its assertions on several misleading statements and unsubstantiated claims. For clarifications and fact-based responses to those inaccuracies, click on the “Fact-based Responses to Unsubstantiated Claims” downloadable documents in the “Take Action” section of this Web site (www.truetolerance.org).

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Schools are told that messages about leaving homosexuality are harmful

All 16,000 public school superintendents in the U.S. will be receiving a copy of *Just the Facts about Sexual Orientation and Youth*, a 24-page booklet.

“What’s so scary and dogmatic about this report is that it communicates that religious-based viewpoints are harmful, and even dangerous,” said Candi Cushman, education analyst for Focus on the Family Action.

The pamphlet is endorsed by more than a dozen mental health and counseling organizations, education associations and one liberal religious group. The theme: Schools are only allowed to provide one message about homosexuality — that it’s normal and should be embraced.

Alan Chambers, president of Exodus International, said he knows that’s not true. “Allowing people to choose what is best for their lives is respectful, it’s tolerant, it’s everything that the other side uses as their mantra, but really fails to respect and live up to,” he said.

The publication ends with a warning: “Schools should be careful to avoid discussions of transformational ministry in their curriculum.”

Brian Raum, senior legal counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, called that a thinly veiled threat. “What they’re trying to do is create a fear factor here,” he said. “There’s nothing in the Constitution that would prohibit a teacher from presenting to a student all of the programs that are available, without endorsing or promoting any particular one.”