

Using Technology Respectfully and Responsibly

A Lesson Plan from *Rights, Respect, Responsibility: A K-12 Curriculum*

Fostering responsibility by respecting young people's rights to honest sexuality education.

NSES ALIGNMENT:

By the end of 12th grade, students will be able to:

HR.12.CC.4 – Evaluate the potentially positive and negative roles of technology and social media in relationships.

HR.12.SM.2 – Describe strategies to use social media safely, legally and respectfully.

TARGET GRADE: Grade 10
Lesson 5

TIME: 50 Minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Desktop or laptop computer with PowerPoint on it and the video described above and website queued up
- LCD projector and screen
- PowerPoint: "U.S. Sexting Laws"
- Worksheet: "Sexting Scenarios" – one per every three students
- Extra pencils in case students don't have their own
- Homework: "Spreading the Word" – one per student

*** Students are shown this video at the beginning of class. It teaches sexting can "increase intimacy" is "another aspect of normal human behavior" and can produce "higher levels of sexual satisfaction". And it's a good thing the laws about sexting are changing. So it's not child pornography anymore? All of this is past the 3min mark.

ADVANCE PREPARATION FOR LESSON:

- Either download this video or ask your IT person at school to unblock this site for you to use in class: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhMXI31xf0U>. See note at the bottom about this link
- Sexting is a particularly sensitive topic within sexuality education. You may wish to show this lesson and the video to your Supervisor or Building Principal to ensure they support its use.
- Go to http://mobilemediaguard.com/state_main.html (U.S. Sexting Laws) and look up your state's laws on sexting. Be sure to ask your IT person at school to unblock this site for you to use in class.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Define what sexting is. Describe two disadvantages and two reasons why someone may sext. [Knowledge]
2. Identify at least two connections between child pornography and sexting laws. [Knowledge]
3. Describe at least two facts relating to sexting laws in their state. [Knowledge]
4. Explain at least two options for people involved in sexting situations. [Knowledge]

A NOTE ABOUT LANGUAGE:

Language is really important and we've intentionally been very careful about our language throughout this curriculum. You may notice language throughout the curriculum that seems less familiar - using the pronoun "they" instead of "her" or "him", using gender neutral names in scenarios and role-plays and referring to "someone with a vulva" vs. a girl or woman. This is intended to make the curriculum inclusive of all genders and gender identities. You will need to determine for yourself how much and how often you can do this in your own school and classroom, and should make adjustments accordingly.

PROCEDURE:

STEP 1: Start class by saying, "We're going to be talking today about how we use technology with friends, partners and even people we don't really know. Let's start by looking at this brief video, which we'll discuss together afterwards." (1 minute)