



Sexual Health Education Instructional Materials Review

Curriculum Title: NetSmartz

Year Published:

Publisher: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Website: <https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/home>

Full or Supplemental: Supplemental

Grade Level: K-12 (Elementary, middle and high school materials)

Student Population: General (additional materials for students with special needs)

Duration/Number of Lessons: Varies by grade level

Format and Features: Online videos, teaching plans, student activity pages, PowerPoint presentations

Evidence-based/informed: Not evident

National Standards Alignment: Not evident

Healthy Youth Act Compliance: N/A

AIDS Omnibus Act Compliance: N/A

Bias Free Materials: Yes, with modification

Primary Topical Areas (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> Identity/Orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstinence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy & Reproduction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Puberty/Adolescent Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication/Decision-making | <input type="checkbox"/> Refusal Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condom Use | <input type="checkbox"/> STD Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contraception | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy relationships | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Prevention | |

Reviewer Comments:

Reviewer 109

This curriculum is a comprehensive tool for teaching kids about Internet safety. It comes with several different modes for teaching the material that are engaging and age appropriate. It also includes training for the teacher and parents.

Reviewer 103

NetSmartz is a curriculum focused on safety around children and the Internet. Topics include cyber bullying, giving out personal information and meeting online strangers in-person. Ideas around consent, safe/unsafe/confusing touch and telling a trusted adult are lightly woven throughout the curriculum but are not the direct focus of the curriculum. This is a great resource for teaching children safe practices for using the Internet and social networking, but not as a primary child sexual abuse/violence prevention program.

Reviewer 207

NetSmartz is a great addition to other curriculum; if the goal is to reduce sexual violence. If the goal is only to provide some online education regarding the Internet, it can stand alone.

Reviewer 204

NetSmartz is a web site with a variety of short live and animated videos and teaching plans. I reviewed the following teaching plans: Special Needs - 3 student activity pages, no videos. Friend or Fake - addresses overcontrolling relationships, Stand By Stand Up - addressed cyber bullying, 6 degrees of information - Internet vulnerability awareness, Amy's choice 1 & 2 - The need of talking to trusted adults for important decisions, and recommended action steps for self-protection, Julie's journey 1 & 2- Bystander intervention. Couldn't find all the videos referenced in the teacher's plans. Only girls were identified as victims of poor choices in videos. Would be good addition to a more comprehensive prevention curriculum.

Reviewer 105

Great and concise curriculum

Reviewer 109

This curriculum is easy to use. It provides teachers with resources, training, and easy access to videos. The videos use real life reenactments that teens can relate to.

Reviewer 201

NetSmartz for high school students.

This is a video based supplemental training program addressing Internet safety including cyber bullying, grooming and running away, and digital fingerprint. The pedagogy is to watch the video and then have a discussion. The website for NetSmartz has free resources: colorful tips sheets, a PowerPoint for parents, and lessons for students with special needs (I didn't review these). In the video about Eduardo, the "hot girl from his science class" is shown as washed out white, standing next to a few black girls, which sends a biased message about race. Videos in the high school curriculum do not include students of varying disability status, gender identity

or sexual orientation. I would only use this to provide targeted instruction on a specific component of Internet safety.