

MISSISSIPPI IN 2014

Of Mississippi high school students...

48%
say they have had
sex.¹

18%
did not use
any method
to prevent
pregnancy.¹

44%
did not use
condoms.¹

83%
were never
tested for
HIV.¹

**Ranks 3rd in the nation
in teen birth rate.²**

ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS

Adopt CHART Policy

Sign Memorandum of
Understanding with MS State
Department of Health

Train Teachers on Sex
Education Curricula

Conduct Implementation
and Evaluation

For more information, go to
teenhealthms.org or contact
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CHART,
an "abstinence-
plus" initiative, HAS
BEEN ADOPTED IN
22 COUNTIES
statewide.



LEFLORE COUNTY IN 2014

Rank among 82 counties in Mississippi:
9th in teen pregnancy rates ages 10-19³
2nd in Chlamydia infection rates⁴
1st in Gonorrhea infection rates⁵
8th in HIV rates⁶

THE LAW: HB494

Requires sex education in MS public schools. Each school district must adopt an "abstinence-only" or "abstinence-plus" policy as well as a curriculum approved by the MS Department of Education.

THE EVIDENCE:⁷

Evidence-based,
"abstinence-plus" curricula
meet the needs of ALL
students and are shown to:

- Delay sexual activity
- Reduce # of partners
- Reduce frequency of sex
- Increase proper use of contraceptives

REDUCING TEEN BIRTH AND STI/HIV in Leflore County



CHART
Creating Healthy and Responsible Teens

WHAT IS CHART?

- Abstinence-plus sex education
- Evidence-based, age-appropriate, and medically accurate
- A partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health approved by Mississippi Department of Education provides free training and technical assistance
- **FREE** to school districts

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