

Public School Curriculum:

- **“The Ripple”**- a 35 minute short film, produced by The Edge, addressing decision making and consequences resulting from those decisions.
- **Puberty**- (6th grade)-This lesson is presented to male and female students separately and focuses on how to confidently cope with the changes in their bodies.
- **Pressure**- (6th grade) - This lesson focuses on the different types of pressure students face, helping them distinguish between positive and negative pressures. The lesson also walks students through several real-life scenarios to help them develop pressure resistance skills.
- **Sexual Progression and Sexuality 101**- (9th grade) - These lessons deal with the differences of the male and female brains, as well as the progression of dating relationships. Generally, they are presented together.
- **Decisions**- (7th grade) - This lesson helps students focus on their decision-making skills and the consequences of such decision-making for themselves, as well as the people around them.
- **The Whole Man**-(7th grade) - This lesson focuses on the fact that as humans we are physical, mental, emotional, and moral/spiritual and that the choices we make about relationships and sexuality affect us as whole people.
- **Pregnancy and Choices**-(7th grade)- This is an in-depth lesson on the forming of life and the development of a baby during pregnancy. It is followed by a brief look at the options faced by any pregnant woman, specifically teens. (9th grade version also that is more in-depth)
- **Dating, Who’s up for it?**-(8th grade)- This lesson helps students take a critical look at their cultural norms when it comes to dating and evaluate whether they are really satisfied with the status quo when it comes to their relationships.
- **Behind Closed Doors**-(8th grade) - This lesson focuses on the outcome, both short-term and long-term, of decision-making. It includes many interactive decision-processing scenarios to spur on discussion.
- **Taking a Stand**-(8th grade)- This lesson helps prepare students for the reality that making healthy choices is not a one-time event --they will have to follow through on the choices they’ve made in class. This lesson equips the students with skills they will need in order to take a stand.
- **Sexually Transmitted Disease**- (separate versions for 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade)- This lesson focuses on the physical consequences of pre-marital sex, offering students basic knowledge of several STDs.
- **Media and Worldview**-(separate versions for 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade)- This lesson addresses the messages found in today’s media-driven culture, challenging students to actively engage and analyze those messages.

- **Teens, Sex & the Law**- This lesson addresses the laws surrounding sexual activity, especially as it pertains to teens.

Additional Lessons:

- **Illusions: Uncovering the Truth About Pornography**-This presentation was developed by AWARE. This presentation focuses on the harmful effects of pornography and the dangers of the internet. There is a lesson for youth and a separate parent lesson that helps the parents better understand this danger and provides practical tips to help parents navigate the internet successfully.
- **Ready to Talk**- This presentation is part of the Parents Speak Up National Campaign. This workshop helps parents understand the benefits of talking to your children about abstinence until marriage and offers helpful advice on how to break the ice. An EDGE teacher will also be able to provide insight into their experiences in talking with children regarding this sensitive subject.
- **Offensive Parenting**- If you have been offended when your child informs you they “tweeted” today... If it seems as though your child is speaking only in letters rather than words... If you’ve responded “you don’t have any space!” when your child mentions “MySpace”... Or if you have no idea what the previous statements were referring to... ..then this is for you! This lesson discusses the prominence of social networking and what it means for you as a parent. The group will discuss the ins and outs of the social networking playbook and offer some parenting tips to keep you ahead of the game.
- **Consequences**- This lesson is a brief overview of the various consequences that come with sex outside of the context of a faithful and committed marriage.
- **Sexting**- This lesson specifically deals with the growing trend of sexting. Based on a recent survey by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, it includes statistics on sexting. Also includes information on state laws regarding sexting.
- **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH**- Enough is Enough is a non-profit organization dedicated to making the internet safer for children and families. We have their DVD training series that can be shown to parent groups. This is less interactive with our teachers, but an EDGE staff member can be present to facilitate question and answer segments after the viewing of each lesson. The series includes the following DVD lessons:
 - **Pornography 101**-Every child with unrestricted internet access is just one click away from online pornography. Learn about the risks and how to protect children from exposure. (36 minutes)
 - **Predators 101**- Predators and pedophiles cleverly utilize the internet to target vulnerable kids. Compelling testimonies reveal that no child is immune to the seductive tactics of a seasoned predator. (42 minutes)
 - **Web 2.0**- Learn about the evolving web, the mobile internet, social networking, online gaming, and cyberbullying. (37 minutes)

- **Safety 101-** Become empowered with the essential technical and non-technical safety basics (Rules 'N Tools) to protect kids on all internet-enabled devices. (19 minutes)

Faith based Lessons:

- **The Two Shall Become One Flesh-** This is a scripturally based lesson on how our bodies are genetically hardwired to support God's plan for marriage to include discussion on the chemical bonding that occurs in the brain during sexual contact.
- **God's Meaning and Purpose in Marriage-** Choosing a marriage partner is one of the biggest decisions that we make in life. Instead of simply telling students how to look and choose well, the goal of this lesson is to help students ask an even more foundational question – what is God's big idea behind marriage and how does that relate to His purpose for our lives? If we can answer that question, the others will quickly fall into place.
- **Christian Worldview & Media-** Everyone has a perspective on the world around them. This lesson introduces students to some fundamental questions about life and visits some contrasting answers to these questions while highlighting the realities of the Christian worldview. The emphasis is placed on understanding how to Biblically interact with a world flooded with misguided perceptions on life.
- **Modesty-** This lesson, designed specifically for girls, focuses on the importance of modesty, while tackling the issue of being trendy. Pairs greatly with the pornography lesson for the boys.
- **Other Risk Behaviors-** This lesson deals with risky behaviors that plague our current youth culture. Covering delicate issues such as cutting, eating disorders, peer pressure, dating violence and drugs, teens will gain an understanding of what it really means to treat their body as a temple for the Living God.
- **God's Plan Sexually-** This lesson, designed for students, discusses the norm of the hook-up culture, and compares it to the plan God set forth in His word. Briefly discussing the bonding chemicals and the impact those have on relationships, the lesson moves to discuss the impact of pornography and it's distortion of what God designed to be good. Includes interview clips with Tim Tebow and Ted Bundy.
- **Sex & the Bible-** This lesson is an in-depth study on sex in the bible. It focuses on the meanings of the Hebrew words used for sex, what is said about sex in the Old Testament (ie the original design) and ends with what Jesus says regarding sex.
- **Dating-A Christian Perspective-** This lesson discusses the tradition of dating from a Christian perspective. Students are encouraged to think about why they date and what is a biblical model for dating if they choose to do so.

We can do any one of these lessons or a combination of them. We can present any of the lessons to parents or students. To schedule a presentation, contact Andrea Sansone at 775-0019 or andrea@theedgeonlife.org .