

# Policy Poster 4: PREVENTION



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## Education Sector Policy on the Prevention and Management of Learner Pregnancy

### Sexual and Reproductive Health

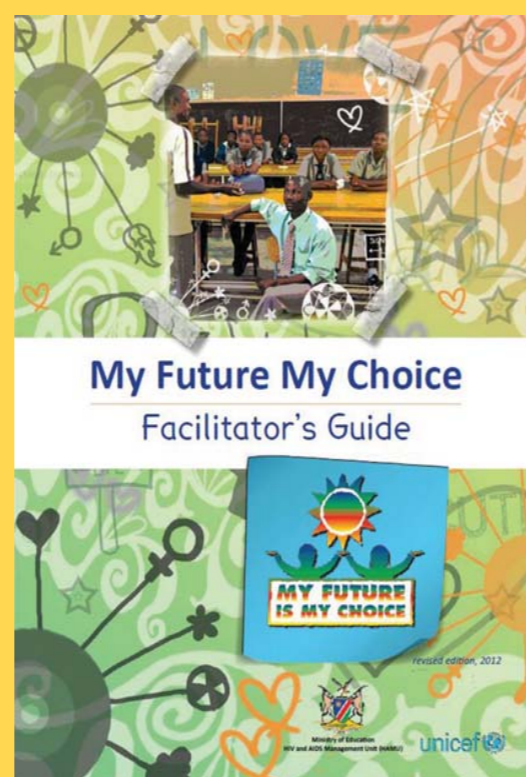
<b>SCHOOLS WILL TEACH</b>	<b>Risks of sexual activity at a young age</b>
Benefits of abstinence	Appropriate use of contraceptives
Right of both male and female learners to make a free and informed choice in sexual matters	

<b>OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOLS</b>
Appoint a Life Skills teacher.
If there is no Life Skills teacher, the principal will allocate staff.

### Life Skills

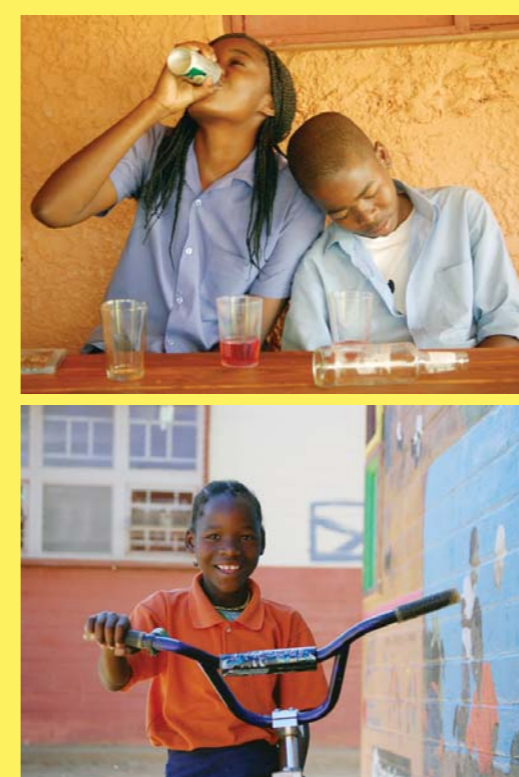
The principal has a duty to ensure that Life Skills are taught.

Extra-curricular programmes such as "Window of Hope" and "My Future My Choice" should supplement teaching.



### Promoting Safe Leisure Activities

Schools and school hostels shall endeavour to arrange activities for learners after school and in the evenings which provide safe entertainment options in an alcohol-free environment.



### Monitoring Gender

The principal shall designate one or more male and female teachers to:

- monitor the progress of male learners compared to female learners to identify and address any problems or concerns;
- act as support persons for gender issues; and
- encourage community organisations to give input.



### Counselling

- All female and male learners should be able to access counselling services.
- The principal shall designate at least two specific teacher-counsellors to provide counselling services to learners on areas including:
  - reproductive health;
  - sexual abuse; and
  - relationship issues.
- Learners should also be referred to Regional School Counsellors or other agencies as needed.
- Schools should encourage peer support groups.



### Family and Community Involvement



### Developing a Safe Environment

- Develop a School Code on Learner Protection.
- Ensure that learners, teachers and support staff know about and understand the Codes of Conduct for teachers and learners, and the rules for public servants.
- Improve school and hostel supervision.
- Encourage reporting on abuse, including laying criminal charges where relevant.



### Exemplary Behaviour by Education Staff

Teachers and all school staff should be positive role models regarding alcohol consumption and sexuality.

