What is the problem?
The 2013 national Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that among U.S. high school students:

**Sexual Risk Behaviors**
- 47% ever had sexual intercourse.
- 6% had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13 years.
- 15% had sexual intercourse with four or more persons during their life.
- 34% had sexual intercourse with at least one person during the 3 months before the survey.
- 41% did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 15% were never taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection.

**Alcohol and Other Drug Use**
- 22% drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 2% used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body one or more times during their life.

What are the solutions?
Better health education • More comprehensive health services • More supportive policies

What is the status?
The School Health Policies and Programs Study 2012 indicates that among U.S. high schools:

**Health Education**
- 69% required students to receive instruction on health topics as part of a specific course.
- 28% taught 11 key pregnancy, HIV, or other STD prevention topics in a required health education course.
- 87% taught abstinence as the most effective method to avoid pregnancy, HIV, and other STDs in a required health education course.
- 85% taught how HIV is transmitted in a required health education course.
- 39% taught how to correctly use a condom in a required health education course.
- 76% taught how to find valid information or services related to HIV or HIV testing in a required health education course.

**Health Services**
- 45% provided HIV counseling, testing, and referral services at school.
- 53% provided HIV prevention services at school in one-on-one or small-group sessions.
- 5% made condoms available at school.
- 24% provided services for gay, lesbian, or bisexual students.

**Supportive Policies**
- 54% had adopted a policy stating that students who had HIV infection or AIDS were allowed to attend classes as long as they were able.
- 45% had adopted a policy stating that teachers and staff who had HIV infection or AIDS were allowed to continue working as long as they were able.

Where can I get more information? Visit [www.cdc.gov/yrbss](http://www.cdc.gov/yrbss) or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636).

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1. Among students who were currently sexually active.