

Most Russians Support Sex Ed, Poll Says

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Most Russians believe schools should offer sex education lessons, according to a new survey conducted by the independent Levada Center.

Russian schools do not include sex education as a standard part of the curriculum, which is considered a major factor in the failure to curb the AIDS epidemic that has raged in Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Twenty-four percent of respondents said sex education was "definitely necessary," while another 40 percent said it was "probably necessary."

Eighteen percent thought it was probably not necessary, and seven percent said it was "definitely not necessary," according to the poll published Monday.

The poll was carried out from Nov. 15 to 18 among 1,603 people in 45 regions of the country.

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