

p.a.p.a.
parenting and paternity awareness

a parental responsibility curriculum for teen students

Facts Behind p.a.p.a.

What percentage of high school students will go on to be parents at some point in their lives?

A. 50%

B. 60 %

C. 75 %

D. 80%

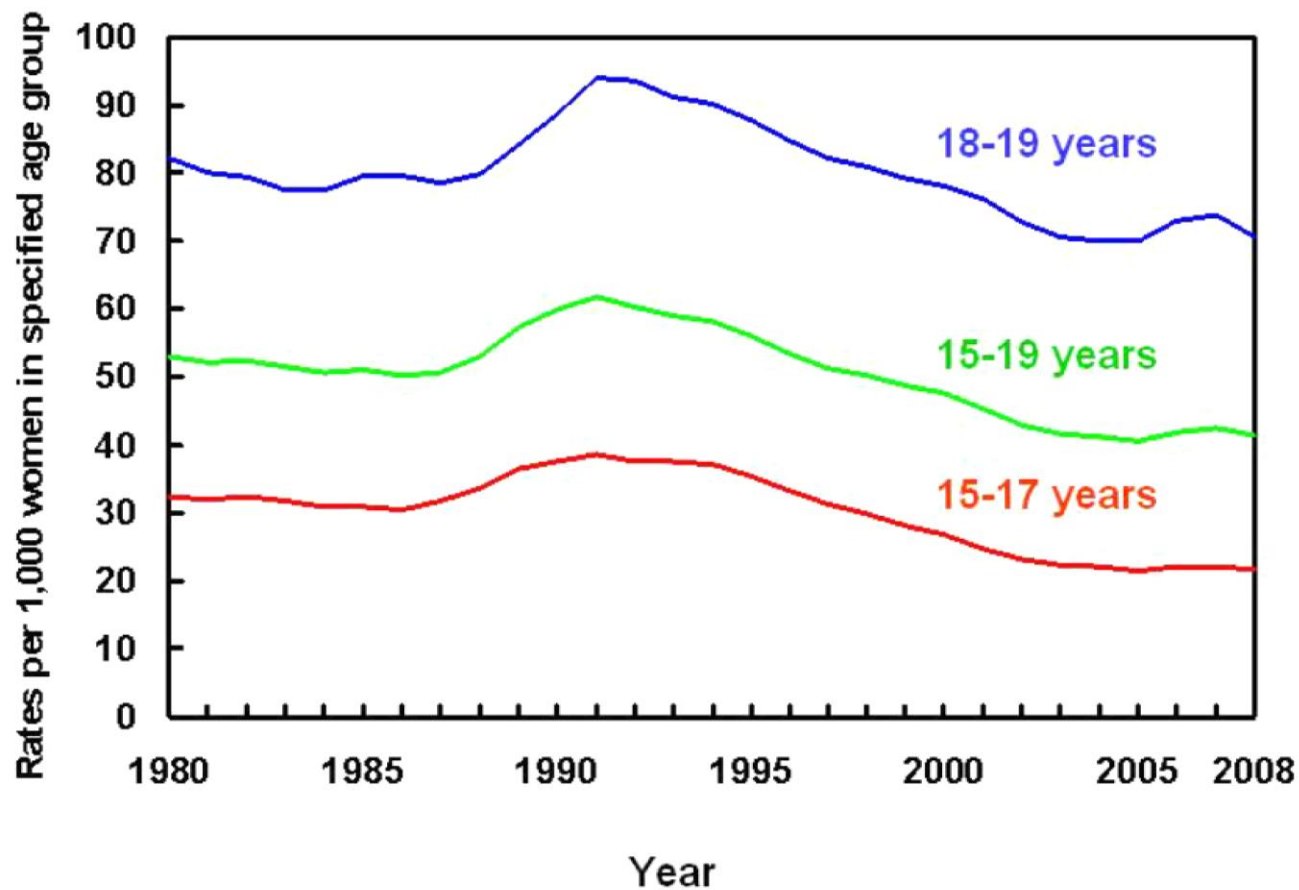
From 2005-2007, the teen (15-19 years) birth rate in the U.S. has...

- A. Increased by 5%
- B. Increased by 12%
- C. Stayed the same
- D. Decreased by 4%

In 2008, the teen (15-19 years) birth rate in the U.S. has...

- A. Increased by 5%
- B. Stayed the same
- C. Decreased by 8%
- D. Decreased by 2%

Figure 3. Birth rates for teenagers by age: United States, final 1980-2006 and preliminary 2007-2008



SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System.

Approximately how many children
were born to unmarried parents in
Texas in 2007?

- A. 60,000
- B. 100,000
- C. 165,000
- D. 400,000

In Texas, an unmarried father has which of the following automatic legal rights?

- A. Financial obligations
- B. Visitation
- C. Access to medical records
- D. None

Unmarried parents can sign an AOP to establish legally binding paternity as long as:

- A. Both parties are at least 18
- B. The mother is not married to someone else
- C. The father is present at the time of birth
- D. None of the above are required

A noncustodial parent earning \$7.25 per hour would be required to pay the following in child support and medical support (if insurance is not available) for one child:

- A. \$165 child support/\$50 medical
- B. \$200 child support/\$75 medical
- C. \$222 child support/\$100 medical

Parents without custody are not required pay child support in which of the following situations? (more than one answer may be correct)

- A. They are under 16
- B. They are unemployed
- C. The parent who has the child never opens a child support case and never receives public assistance
- D. They are in the military
- E. They never went to court and didn't take a DNA test
- F. Their child is over 18

A man (adult) who signs an AOP, thinking that he is the father, and then finds out that he is not, has _____ to challenge it in court.

- A. Only 60 days from filing
- B. Four years from filing
- C. Until the child is 18 years old
- D. No time limit

Researchers have identified which of the following steps as part of a “success sequence” for a teen to have a “successful future” (not live in poverty, have adequate housing, joining the middle class, etc.)

- A. Complete their education
- B. Delay parenthood until they are married
- C. Delay marriage until they are over 20
- D. All of the above

Based on a recent survey from TEA: (self-reported)

- **829** of **1026** districts (**80.8%**) kept health as a required class this school year (2009-10)
- **684** districts surveyed (**66.7%**) plan to keep health next year (2010-11)
- Some districts are still undecided

p.a.p.a. by the numbers:

- 5,250 trained educators in p.a.p.a. (January 2008-present)
- 90% of all districts have one or more educators trained in p.a.p.a.
- Approximately 500,000 students will have received p.a.p.a. over the past two school years, 2008-09 and 2009-10

First-year Evaluation Report

The two primary goals of the evaluation:

1. Determine the impact that the p.a.p.a. curriculum has on students' knowledge and attitude
2. Understand the level of support for the program from teachers and principals, as well as teachers' fidelity to the p.a.p.a. curriculum

Key Student Findings

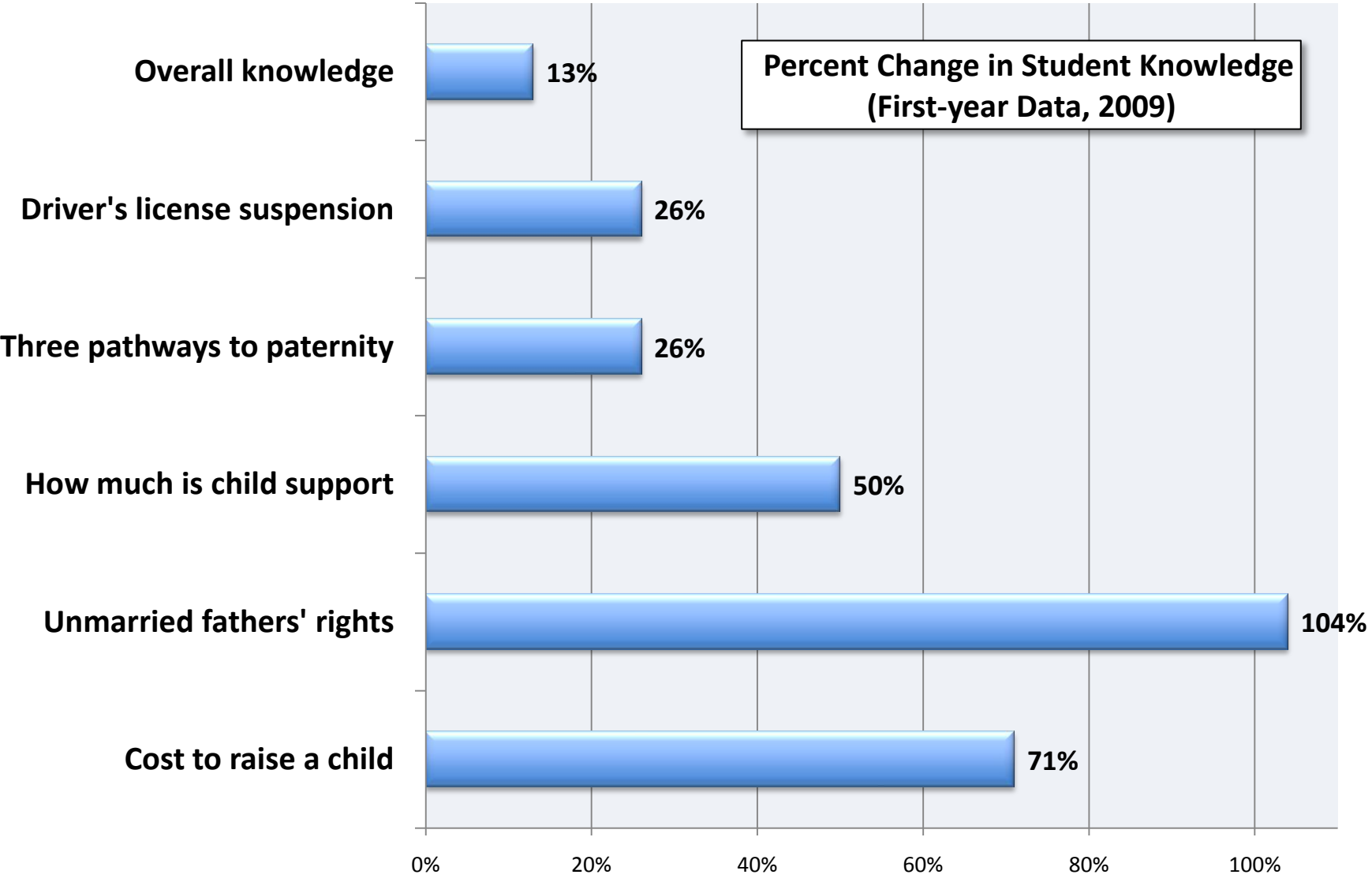
(N=3,584)

- 23 percent more students plan to delay childbearing until after marriage after receiving p.a.p.a.
- Students' knowledge regarding the costs associated with being a parent increased by 61 percent
- Students are twice as likely to understand the different legal rights of unmarried biological father and biological mother.
- Students most at risk of becoming teen parents demonstrate the greatest need for the curriculum.

Pre / Post-test Question (answer)	% Correct Pre-test	% Correct Post-test	% Change Pre/Post
The average additional cost to raise a child in Texas is: (over \$700 per month)	17	29	71*
When a child is born to unmarried parents, the bio father automatically has the same rights and legal responsibilities as the biological mother (False)	27	55	104*
In most cases, what percentage of the noncustodial parent's net income would be paid in child support? (20% net)	42	63	50*
There are three pathways to paternity for a child born to unmarried parents. Which of the following is NOT a pathway? (Give the child the father's last name.)	58	73	26*
A noncustodial parent who stops paying court-ordered child support can have his/her driver's license suspended. (True)	68	86	26*

* Indicates scores differ significantly at the p<.05 level.

**Percent Change in Student Knowledge
(First-year Data, 2009)**



Key Teacher and Principal Findings

(Teachers, N=73)

(Principals, N=59)

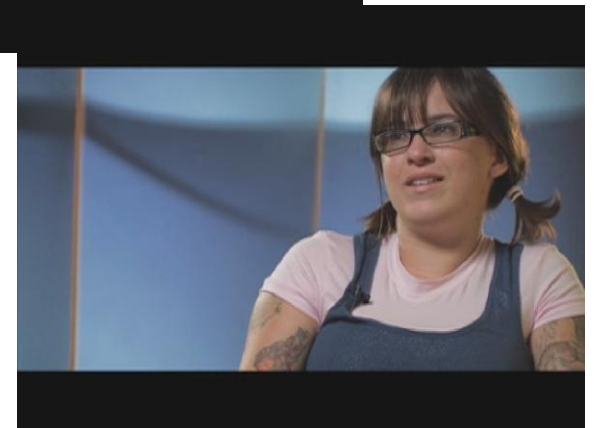
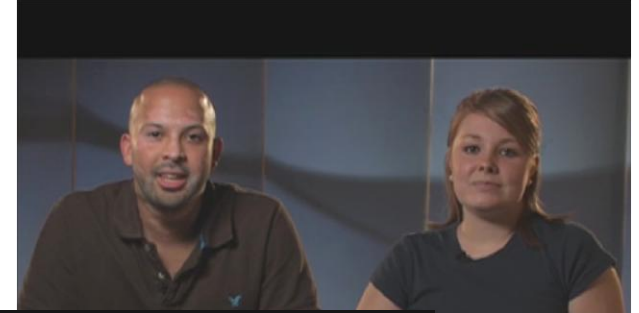
Teachers and principals overwhelmingly agree that the issues covered in p.a.p.a. are relevant and should be taught prior to graduating high school.

Principals consider p.a.p.a. to be a “reality-based” curriculum and important to compliment other programs.

Most teachers modify the curriculum to fit their class schedules and existing health curriculum, and many teachers find the legal aspects of the curriculum too complex. Fidelity to the curriculum varies across teachers and could be improved.

14 Sixty-Minute Sessions

1. Introducing p.a.p.a.
2. What is a parent?
3. Establishing paternity
4. Benefits of legal fatherhood
5. What can you expect?
6. What it takes to be a parent
7. Single parenting
8. Parenting as a team
9. Parents who don't pay
10. Love, marriage and a baby carriage
11. Choosing healthy relationships
12. Marriage and families
13. Looking at relationship violence
14. Building strong families



Resources

Curriculum Binder:

- Teacher's Guide – orange tabs
- Student Workbook – green tabs
- DVD (CD-ROM is coming soon!)

Online resources:

- www.texasattorneygeneral.gov website
- Portable files of handouts and student workbooks
- Pre- and post-tests, session review questions
- Sample permission slip
- TEKS correlation document
- p.a.p.a. video segments

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