

Objectives 4.20 and 4.a state the following:

*4.20 Identify resources available for treatment of reproductive health problems*

*4.a Identify and explain laws about reproductive services*

Reproductive problems and services would include pregnancy and abortion. Currently Massachusetts law states the following:

“If a pregnant woman less than eighteen years of age... elects not to seek the consent of one or both of her parents or guardians, a judge of the superior court department of the trial court shall, ... after an appropriate hearing, authorize a physician to perform the abortion if said judge determines that the pregnant woman is mature and capable of giving informed consent to the proposed abortion or, if said judge determines that she is not mature, that the performance of an abortion upon her would be in her best interests.” -- MA Gen. Laws Ch.112: 12s

If a teacher were to go into a classroom and explain this law, it would essentially be telling young people how to get an abortion without telling their parents.