

# NYC schools supply students Plan B and more without parental notification



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New York City's Department of Education has been providing birth control (such as the long-lasting shot Depo-Provera), Plan B/emergency contraception, and "all pregnancy options" to thousands of high school students in grades 9-12, without parental consent or notification through the [Connecting Adolescents To Comprehensive Health \(CATCH\) program](#).



CATCH Program flyer in Forrest Hills High School, Brooklyn, NY

The [CATCH program](#) was launched in 2011 during an unpublicized pilot in thirteen city schools. During that year the New York Post [reported](#), in just five schools, 567 students received Plan B tablets and 580 students received Reclipsen birth-control pills according to NYC's Department of Health. The schools also provide condoms and pregnancy testing. But the city failed to mention the almost 40 separate "school-based health centers" which gave out 12,721 doses of Plan B in 2011-12, up from 10,720 in 2010-11 and 5,039 in 2009-10.

[The Post](#) obtained the report under a Freedom of Information Law request.

"Besides "emergency contraception," about 40 school-based clinics have dispensed prescriptions for birth-control pills, intrauterine devices (IUDs), hormone-delivering injections, and Patch and NuvaRing — covering a total 93,569 monthly cycles through June 2012, the report says. Handouts of birth-control packets rose from 6,027 in 2009-10 to 10,462 last year. Depo-Provera injections rose from 1,213 to 2,117. Staffers also insert plastic IUDs in the uterus, where they can remain for years."

Of course, officials refused to discuss the project.

During the pilot phase, The Chiaroscuro Foundation released [poll data](#) showing 53 percent of New York City parents opposed the controversial program.



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We reached out to New York's Department of Health to see how many students received birth control, the morning-after pill, and two different medications referred to as the "abortion pill": mifepristone and misoprostol. We have yet to receive a response, but if the numbers from the pilot remained consistent we are looking at well over 15,000 students receiving Plan B, and over 16,000 receiving birth control pills without parental notification. Despite other data showing a majority of parents opposed the program, health officials say only one to two percent of parents in those schools [chose to](#) opt out of the program.

In 2020, According to Stuyvesant High School, additional services are being offered: “[CATCH program returns to Stuyvesant with added services.](#)” What else could possibly be offered other than the abortion pill or performing the abortion pill? We decided to investigate by using the QR code from a flyer at Forest Hills High School in Queens. Scanning the code led us to a text message with presumably, the program director.

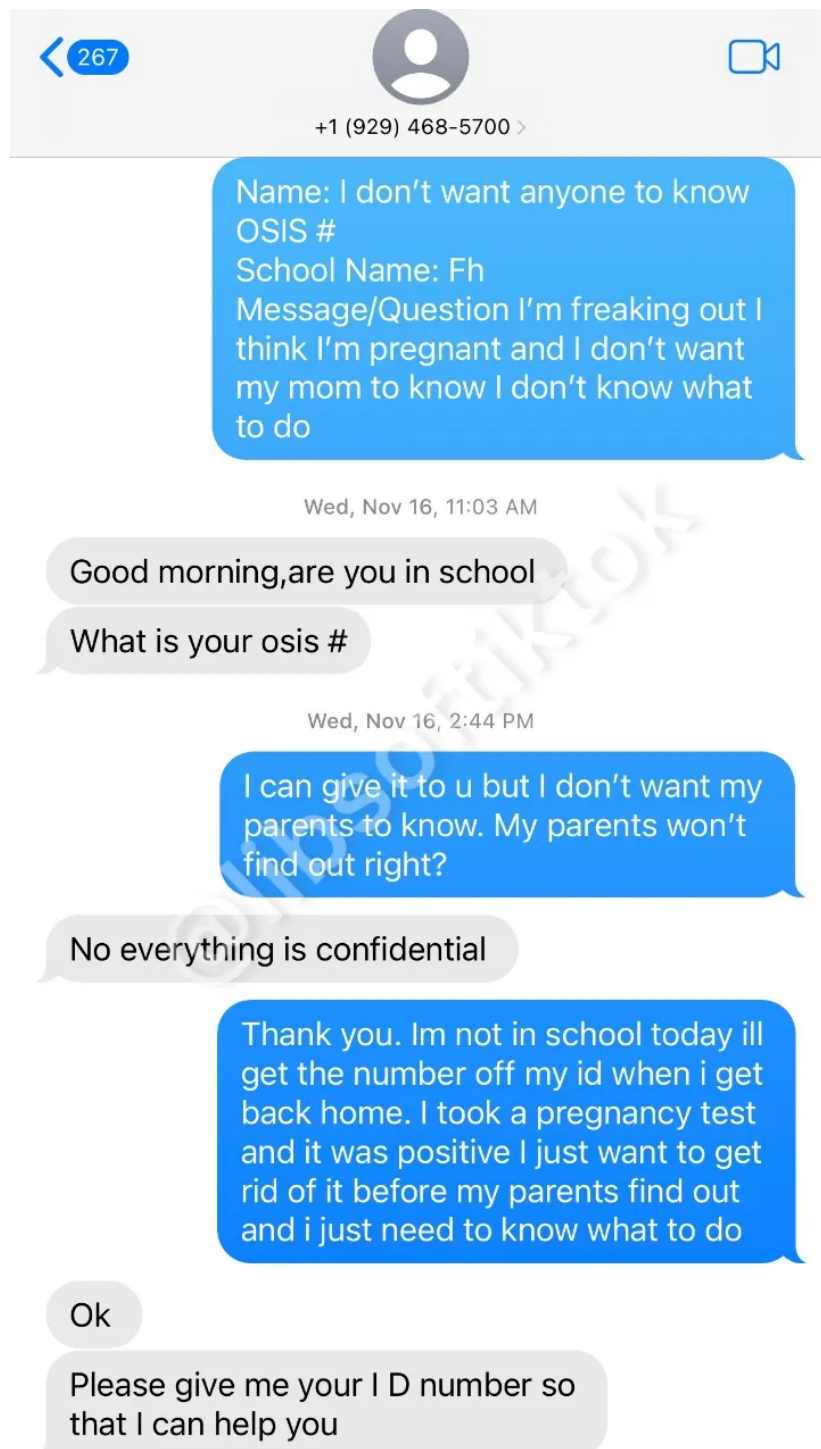


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Pretending to be a pregnant student, I told the person who runs the program that I wanted to “get rid of it” before my parents found out. I asked her if the program was confidential and she assured me it was.





Not being a student limited additional information. However, it begs the question, what would the school have advised? Assuming they would have administered a pregnancy test, if positive would they have scheduled the student for an abortion? Would they have given her an abortion pill? Would they even encourage her to talk about the pregnancy with her parents?

According to the [extremely limited information available](#) online, parents have the option to opt-out their children from the [CATCH program](#) but it's not clear if parents are even aware this program exists. You can find limited information about the program on the [Department of Education's website](#) and there is no mention of it on the city's [Department of Health website](#).


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### Connecting Adolescents to Comprehensive Healthcare Program (CATCH)

CATCH is a program for high school teens in grades 9-12. CATCH offers reproductive health services at 51 high school sites, serving 90 high schools without school based health centers. CATCH offers services such as health education and limited reproductive health services in school. CATCH also gives referrals to comprehensive reproductive health, primary care, mental health, and community based clinics.

All services offered are confidential and free of charge. Parents can choose to have their child opt-out of these services.

Questions? Please contact the CATCH Program Director, Pamela Haller at [phaller@health.nyc.gov](mailto:phaller@health.nyc.gov).

## School Health

### COVID-19 Update

For updates on how NYC schools are responding to [COVID-19](#), see the [Department of Education's website](#). For information about school reopening's visit the [reopening businesses and schools](#) page.

There are medical and screening services available for NYC children while they are at school. Services to students include case management of chronic health problems, preventative health screenings, urgent care, medication administration, preventative counseling, health education, referral for care and assurance of ongoing effective treatment.

### Information for Parents

- There is a new influenza vaccine for children between ages 6 months to 5 years entering pre-k, child care, or day care. To view this and other vaccination requirements to attend school, review the [Immunization Chart for Families](#) (PDF).
- All new students are required to receive a [New Admission Physical Exam](#) (NAE) and have their health care provider complete the [Child and Adolescent Health Examination Form](#) (CH205).
- If your child needs to take medications or receive a medical treatment at school, then you should complete Medication Administration Form (MAF). Your child should submit new MAF every school year and have your health care provider update as needed. Find out more about [health services](#) in school.
- Learn more about managing your child's [asthma](#), [diabetes](#), or [allergies](#) in school.
- Find out more about other school based programs such as [school based health centers](#), school [mental health programs](#), and [other health topics](#) on the [NYC Department of Education website](#).
- If your child is struggling to reach a healthy weight, learn [some tips that are proven to help](#) (PDF)
- Other Languages: [Español](#) | [中文](#)
- Find your school's [cafeteria inspection results](#).

If you have more questions about school health programs, call 311.

We reached out to the [NYC Department of Education CATCH Program](#) Director, Pamela Haller to see what materials were sent to parents, and when, that outline the services offered. We still have not received a response.

Teen pregnancy is a major concern for parents and society. However, simply throwing potent medication with the risk of serious side effects at 14-year-old girls is not without consequence. There is more to sex education than birth control and abortion. Taking parents out of the equation is not only irresponsible, but it's also dangerous. The path to responsible adulthood begins at home. Parents, not elected officials or school administrations, have their children's best interests at heart.

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**Marek** Nov 28

"CATCH" reeks of predatory intent. Who are they "catching?" Little kids?! Thank you LoTT for once again exposing institutionalized grooming in the school system. The NYC schools report a high incidence of same sex abuse, child-on-child, particularly in minority neighborhoods. Their solution is more grooming because in their perverted logic an older boy molesting a younger one is a form of "homophobic" bullying to be corrected with gay-is-okay inducement. I have the report, if anyone wants it. Grooming is extremely high in NYC schools and "pride" orgs left their fingerprints all over it. "Hatespeech?" No. There is no such thing. Kanye Hitler blood libels the Jewish people as poisoners and conspirators. That's slander, the sin of bearing false witness. He can't back that up. Okay, grooming exists. That is no false accusation, it's an expose. Dragqueen Story Hour was founded by two convicted pedophiles. The gay "rights" movement in America was founded by a known pedophile, Harvey Milk. Alexander spread Hellenization to the nations through pederasty. It was how homosexuality was transmitted during the Hasmonian period. The gay "rights" movement has a dark side to it. GLAAD, the "Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation" are the leading gay "rights" org in America. It is no defamation when I accuse "GLAAD" of grooming. They partnered with Kellogg's to mass-market sugar cereal with cartoon characters, candy, and rainbow flags on the box. Among other things. Reporting that does not slander innocent civil rights activists. Calling it slander slanders me as a slanderer. This is need to know information for parents because groomers are coming for your kids.

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**Jacktron** Nov 28

If that doesn't tell you this is sexual, nothing will

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