

## Appendix G: Teachers' Glossary for grades 4-6

**Alternative** = option, one of the possibilities between which you might choose

**Anus** = the opening in the body from which a person defecates or makes a bowel movement (poops)

**Cervix** = the narrow opening of the uterus into the vagina, through which the period flows and which can expand to allow a baby to be born

**Circumcision** = a surgical procedure to remove the foreskin of the penis

**Clitoris** = the sensitive organ in a woman's body that gets erect when she feels sexual feelings, a little bump at the front of the labia

**Consequence** = result, effect, outcome

**Considerate** = kind, thoughtful about other people's rights and feelings

**Ejaculation** = semen coming out of the penis

**Erection** = the penis or clitoris filling with blood and getting larger

**Exploitation** = one person using another to get something they want, without regard for that person's feelings

**Fallopian Tube** = the passageway between the ovaries and the uterus (a woman has two of these)

**Fertilization** = the combining of a sperm cell and an egg cell

**Genitals** = the outside parts of a person's reproductive system (a man's or boy's penis and scrotum) and a girl's or woman's labia and clitoris

**Implantation** = a fertilized egg nesting in the uterus to start growing for 9 months

**Labia** = the folds of skin on the outside of the body that protect the openings to a girl's or woman's urethra and vagina

**Menstruation** = having a period

**Nocturnal Emission** = semen coming out of the penis during sleep

**Ovary** = the organ where (1) egg cells are stored and (2) female hormones are produced (a woman has two of these)

**Ovulation** = the release of a mature egg cell from an ovary

**Ovum** = the “egg” cell from a woman that can start a pregnancy (when combined with a cell from a man)

**Penis** = the sensitive organ in a man’s body that gets erect when he feels sexual feelings, and through which the urethra passes

**Pituitary** = a gland in the brain that helps trigger the beginning of puberty

**Privacy** = not being seen, freedom to decide what others will see or know about you

**Prostate Gland** = the organ in a man’s body that makes most of the semen

**Puberty** = a child’s body and feelings and relationships beginning to change into those of an adult

**Scrotum** = the sac that holds the testicles and keeps them at the perfect temperature to make sperm

**Self-Esteem** = confidence and self-respect, liking yourself, feeling as if you belong, knowing that you have skills and talents, feeling appreciated

**Semen** = the liquid that carries sperm cells

**Sexual Intercourse** = several kinds of sexual touch may be called “intercourse” (all of which are pleasurable for some people and all of which can pass infections) ... but the term *commonly* means the kind of sex when the penis is in the vagina (the kind that can lead to pregnancy)

**Sexuality** = a part of a human being that includes their sex; some of their behavior; how they feel about their body and their gender; whether they know how to love, trust, and communicate; their ability to make babies and more

**Sperm** = the cell from a man that can start a pregnancy (when combined with a cell from a woman)

**Testicle** = the organ where (1) sperm cells are stored and (2) male hormones are produced (a man has two of these)

**Urethra** = the tube, running through the penis, through which urine and semen flow

**Uterus** = the organ in a woman’s body where a baby grows for nine months before being born; also the organ from which a girl’s or woman’s period flows

**Vagina** = the passageway from the uterus to the outside of a girl’s or woman’s body, through which a baby is born

**Vas Deferens** = a tube leading from the epididymis up into a man’s body, through which sperm cells travel (a man has two of these)