

Apparently, 'Virginity' Is Not Acceptable at This Public School

Virginity does not rock at Ramay Junior High School in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

That's the lesson 13-year-old Chloe Rubiano learned. Chloe is in the eighth grade. She is also a good church-going girl. So you can imagine her mom's surprise when she got in trouble at school.

Chloe showed up at school wearing a T-shirt that read, "Virginity Rocks."

"It's a positive message," said Bambi Crozier, Chloe's mom.

But school officials disagreed. They said the shirt could cause a classroom disruption and contained sexual content. Apparently some folks at Ramay Junior High don't understand the concept of virginity.

The 13-year-old, who bought the shirt at a Christian music festival, was told she had to change shirts.

"It was so bizarre," Mrs. Crozier told me. "She had the shirt for several years and wore it a number of times to school."

I called the school district hoping to talk to the person in charge of the fashion police, but no one's called me back. A spokesperson told local news outlets that they have a rule banning any clothes that might cause a distraction.

"Why is it such a bad thing to talk about virginity when they're handing out condoms, and girls are pregnant?" Mrs. Crozier wondered. "It blows my mind."

It does make you wonder why the guidance counselors are doling out condoms to the junior-high crowd.

"I think they're bigger concern [is] they just don't want to talk about virginity," she said. "Today, people think that *virginity* is a dirty word. It's not in our household."

Or maybe they're concerned the "Virginity Rocks" shirt might cut down on condom distribution?

Who knows?

Mrs. Crozier said her daughter did as she was instructed to do and put on a gym shirt.

"We totally believe in respecting rules," she said. "We totally believe in listening to leadership. If that's what their request is, that's OK. There are certain battles in life you are going to choose, and whether or not you can wear a shirt is not a big deal."

So being a good church-going girl, Chloe abided by the school's orders—because heaven forbid a 21st-century teenager be caught promoting abstinence. Planned Parenthood must be having convulsions.

Mrs. Crozier said she was taken aback by the national attention her daughter's shirt has received.

"All I did was post on Facebook to my friends," she said. "Now my daughter has gone viral."

Chloe, meanwhile, seems to be taking her 15 minutes of fame in stride.

"She thinks it's cool," Mr. Crozier said. "She updated her Instagram page to say, 'Chloe: As Seen on TV.'"

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