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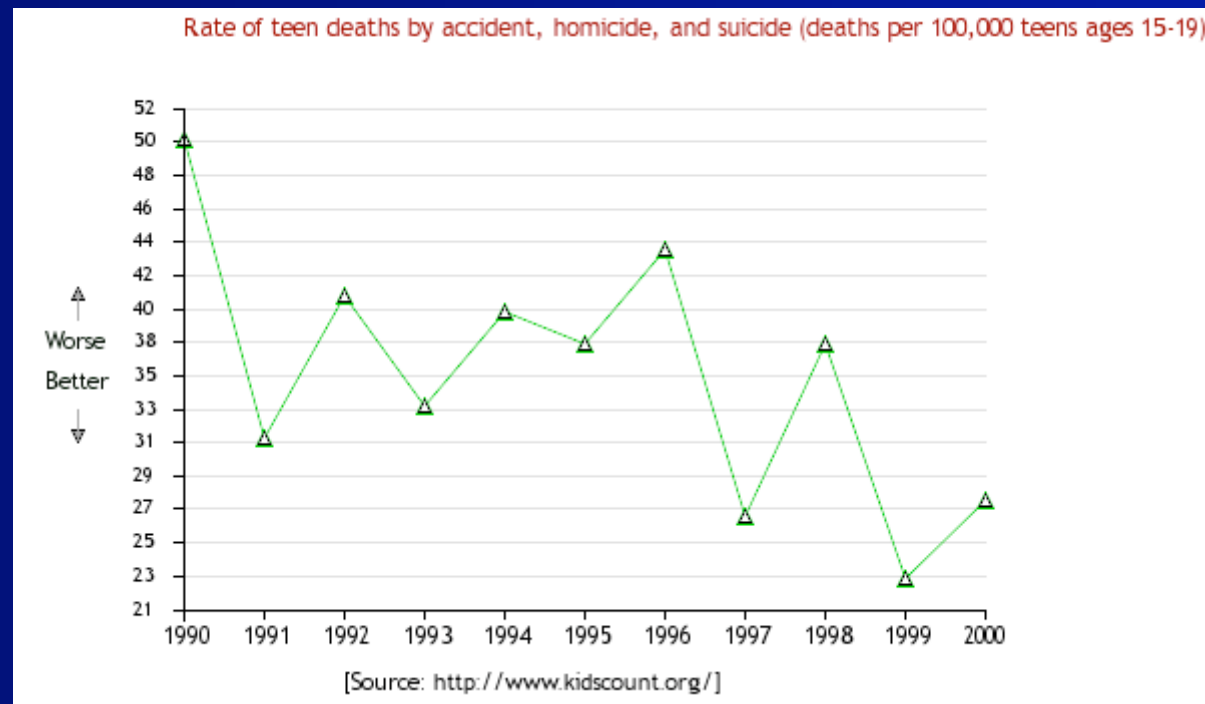
HIGH SCHOOL MAUI

Student population = 1200

- **48% Asian**
- **20% Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian**
- **19% Caucasian**
- **10% Polynesian**
- **3% Hispanic**



Teen deaths in Hawaii



<http://www.aecf.org/cgi-bin/kc.cgi?action=graph&area=Hawaii&variable=tdr&year=1990&year=2000>

Grieving teen concerns:

- Behavior changes
- Increased pressures
- Isolation
- Depression
- Death wish
- Anger
- Guilt
- Substance abuse
- Skipping school or dropping grades
- Acting out sexually

Helen Fitzgerald, Training Director, American Hospice Foundation
<http://www.americanhospice.org/griefzone/articles/grievingteen.htm>

End-of-Life Learning

- Curriculum unit planning
- School standards addressed
- Team members:
 - Counselors
 - Social Studies
 - Family & Consumer Science
 - English
 - Health
 - General science

Possible topics to study:

- Bereavement in youth
- Mortality statistics
- Prevention and intervention
- Assisted death for terminal illness:
both sides of the issue
- Support organizations

End-of-Life Learning collection:

- Encyclopedia of death terms
- Medical, scientific information
- Cultural aspects; rituals
- Psychology of grief
- *Death with dignity* issues

BUDGET proposal

- 50 books @ \$50 = \$2500
- School will cover video purchases



Questions?

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