

VICES

Sloth, envy, lust, and gluttony.

What's hot in sinning.

Sloth- Three-quarters of all high-schoolers admit to cheating. And tech-savvy kids are growing more and more creative about it-they use cell phones and Palm Pilots to text message answers to tests, and can store large amounts of information on their calculators. Many schools are now banning cell phones from desktops during tests.

Envy- Young people are more envious than any other age group. About a quarter of both young men (23%) and women (26%) aged 18 to 34 say they "always or frequently" covet their neighbors' goods. That's compared to just 6% of seniors aged 55 or older. Fueling their envy; almost 60% of young adults say they're jealous of "celebrities or public figures."

Lust- Web site operators are not required to censor pornographic material themselves, so parents have to make sure they have Web filtering software that will do the job. The best online porn filter, is the \$40 Cybersitter (available at www.cybersitter.com).

Gluttony- 1/4 of all teenagers admit they eat "a great deal of some junk food in a typical week." From where? vending machines at school. That's why an estimated 20% to 30% of all children are overweight or at risk of becoming obese. Currently, some entire school districts are revamping what's sold in school vending machines to offer far more healthy alternatives