

# Unit 01: Introduction to Personal Health and Wellness

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## Brief Summary of Unit

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The ability to understand and incorporate wellness practices into one's daily living is vital to the well-being of our students and directly correlates to their optimal overall health. Effective health practices provide students with the potential for success when choosing a career and allow for the pursuit of any career interest. When taking this course, students develop their understanding of the interrelationship between wellness, overall well-being and success.

This unit will inform students about maintaining personal health, the use of hygiene products, the dimensions of wellness, making healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices, stages of human growth and development, and preventing diseases.

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## Standards

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By the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade:

### 2,1 Personal and Mental Health

#### Personal Growth and Development

- Health is influenced by the interaction of body systems.
- Puberty is a time of physical, social, and emotional changes.
  - 2.1.5.PGD.1: Identify effective personal health strategies and behaviors that reduce illness, prevent injuries, and maintain or enhance one's wellness (e.g., adequate sleep, balanced nutrition, ergonomics, regular physical activity).
  - 2.1.5.PGD.2: Examine how the body changes during puberty and how these changes influence personal self-care.
  - 2.1.5.PGD.3: Explain the physical, social, and emotional changes that occur during puberty and adolescence and why the onset and progression of puberty can vary.
  - 2.1.5.PGD.4: Explain common human sexual development and the role of hormones (e.g., romantic and sexual feelings, masturbation, mood swings, timing of pubertal onset).
  - 2.1.5.PGD.5: Identify trusted adults, including family members, caregivers, school staff, and health care professionals, whom students

#### Pregnancy and Parenting

- Pregnancy can be achieved through a variety of methods.

- 2.1.5.PGD.1: Explain the relationship between sexual intercourse and human reproduction.
- 2.1.5.PGD.2: Explain the range of ways pregnancy can occur (e.g., IVF, surrogacy).

## Emotional Health

- Self-management skills impact an individual's ability to recognize, cope, and express emotions about difficult events.
- Resiliency and coping practices influence an individual's ability to respond positively to everyday challenges and difficult situations.
  - 2.1.5.EH.1: Discuss the impact of one's feelings and thoughts that lead to healthy and unhealthy behaviors.
  - 2.1.5.EH.2: Explain how to cope with rejection, loss, difficult learning situations and/or separation from family or others.
  - 2.1.5.EH.3: Identify different feelings and emotions that people may experience and how they might express these emotions (e.g., anger, fear, happiness, sadness, hopelessness, anxiety).
  - 2.1.5.EH.4: Identify behaviors that help to deal with difficult situations that can occur at home, in school, and/or in the community and where to go for assistance.

## Social and Sexual Health

- All individuals should feel welcome and included regardless of their gender, gender expression, or sexual orientation.
- Family members impact the development of their children physically, socially, and emotionally.
- People in healthy relationships share thoughts and feelings, as well as mutual respect.
  - 2.1.5.SSH.1: Describe gender-role stereotypes and their potential impact on self and others.
  - 2.1.5.SSH.2: Differentiate between sexual orientation and gender identity.
  - 2.1.5.SSH.3: Demonstrate ways to promote dignity and respect for all people (e.g. sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, differing ability, immigration status, family configuration).
  - 2.1.5.SSH.4: Describe how families can share common values, offer emotional support, and set boundaries and limits.
  - 2.1.5.SSH.5: Explain the importance of communication with family members, caregivers and other trusted adults about a variety of topics.
  - 2.1.5.SSH.6: Describe the characteristics of healthy versus unhealthy relationships among friends and with family members.
  - 2.1.5.SSH.7: Define teasing, harassment and bullying and provide examples of inappropriate behaviors that are harmful to others.

## Community Health Services and Support

- Community professionals and school personnel are available to assist and address health emergencies as well as provide reliable information.
- Individuals will benefit from an awareness of coping strategies that can be used when facing difficult situations.
  - 2.1.5.CHSS.1: Identify health services and resources available and determine how each assist in addressing needs and emergencies in a school and in the community (e.g., counselors, medical professionals).
  - 2.1.5.CHSS.2: Describe how business, non-profit organizations, and individuals can work cooperatively to address health problems that are affected by global issues, including climate change.
  - 2.1.5.CHSS.3: Describe strategies that are useful for individuals who are feeling sadness, anger,

anxiety, or stress.

## 2.2 Physical Wellness

### Nutrition

- Understanding the principles of a balanced nutritional plan (e.g., moderation, variety of fruits, vegetables limiting processed foods) assists in making nutrition-related decisions that will contribute to wellness.
  - 2.2.5.N.1: Explain how healthy eating provides energy, helps to maintain healthy weight, lowers risk of disease, and keeps body systems functioning effectively.
  - 2.2.5.N.2: Create a healthy meal based on nutritional content, value, calories, and cost.
  - 2.2.5.N.3: Develop a plan to attain a personal nutrition health goal that addresses strengths, needs and culture.

## 2.3 Safety

### Personal Safety

- Safety includes being aware of the environment and understanding how certain situations could lead to injury or illness.
- There are strategies that individuals can use to communicate safely in an online environment.
- Children who practice setting healthy boundaries know how to say no and what to do when they feel uncomfortable or find themselves in unsafe situations.
  - 2.3.5.PS.1: Develop strategies to reduce the risk of injuries at home, school, and in the community.
  - 2.3.5.PS.2: Demonstrate first aid procedures for choking, bleeding, burns, poisoning, and stroke (F.A.S.T.).
  - 2.3.5.PS.3: Examine the impact of unsafe behaviors when traveling in motor vehicles and when using other modes of transportation.

### Health Conditions, Diseases and Medicines

- There are actions that individuals can take to help prevent diseases and stay healthy.
  - 2.3.5.HCDM.1: Identify conditions that may keep the human body from working properly, and the ways in which the body responds.
  - 2.3.5.HCDM.2: Describe how to prevent the spread of communicable and infection diseases and conditions (e.g., Lyme Disease, influenza)
  - 2.3.5.HCDM.3: Examine how mental health can impact one's wellness (e.g., depression, anxiety, stress, phobias).

### Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

- The use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs may affect the user, family, and community members in negative ways and have unintended consequences.
- Drug misuse and abuse can affect one's relationship with friends, family, and community members in unhealthy ways.
  - 2.3.5.ATD.1: Identify products that contain alcohol, tobacco, and drugs and explain potential unhealthy effects (e.g., substance disorder, cancer).
  - 2.3.5.ATD.2: Describe health concerns associated with e-cigarettes, vaping products, inhalants, alcohol, opioids and other drugs, and non-prescribed cannabis products.
  - 2.3.5.ATD.3: Describe the behaviors of people who struggle with the use of alcohol and drugs

and identify the type of assistance that is available.

### Dependency, Substances Disorder and Treatment

- The short- and long-term effects of substance abuse are dangerous and harmful to one's health.
- The use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs can have unintended consequences but there are resources available for individuals and others affected by these situations.
  - 2.3.5.DSDT.1: Differentiate between drug use, misuse, abuse, and, prescription and illicit drugs.
  - 2.3.5.DSDT.2: Identify signs and evaluate evidence that a person might have an alcohol, tobacco, and/or drug use problem.
  - 2.3.5.DSDT.3: Demonstrate effective refusal skills of alcohol, e-cigarettes, vaping products, cannabis products, opioids, and other substances that can negatively impact health.

### Inclusion of the Career Ready Practice Standards

- CRP.K-12.CRP4: Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.

### Integration of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills through NJSL 9

- CAEP.9.2.8.B.3: Evaluate communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that can be developed through school, home, work, and extracurricular activities for use in a career.

## **Essential Questions**

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- How does one achieve and maintain health and wellness in their life?
- What measures can be taken for optimal health?
- What are the consequences (especially unforeseen) of our choices in terms of wellness?

## **Essential Understandings**

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- Poor hygiene can lead to illness
- Making healthy food choices will benefit their overall health and wellness
- The human body goes through various stages of growth and development throughout childhood
- The dimensions of health impact their lifestyle
- Assessment of health data is necessary for a healthy lifestyle
- Their bodily systems are interrelated
- Heredity may be offset by lowering health risk factors
- The choices one makes will affect their personal health

## **Students Will Know**

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- How to maintain a healthy life
- How concepts related to health and disease promotion affect wellbeing
- How to protect themselves from disease, peer pressure, and other life stresses
- The functions of various body parts and systems
- How to evaluate factors that contribute to physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth

## **Students Will Be Skilled At**

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- How to compare and contrast their bodily systems, parts, and functions
- How heredity affects health
- The hygiene products available to promote a healthy lifestyle vocabulary: Health, wellness, growth, development, bodily system, disease, hygiene, peer pressure, stress, heredity

## **Evidence/Performance Tasks**

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When taking a Physical Education or Health course, students demonstrate differentiated abilities to answer the essential questions and meet course objectives through formative and summative assessments. Evidence of progression in answering the essential questions and meeting course objectives demonstrates the development of proficiency over time. The performance tasks below are implemented as benchmark assessments and, based on individual student readiness and performance, can be implemented as formative and/or summative assessments. Student proficiency allows for additional or alternative assessment based on demonstration or absence of skill.

- Create a healthy food notebook/ chart illustrating healthy food choices, food labels, and analyzing their own eating patterns
- Design posters that promote good hygiene and avoiding common germs and illnesses
- Create a diagram of the human body and label its different systems
- Answer the essential questions
- Brainstorm sources of information about health through small group work
- Work in small groups to come up with daily activities that promote a healthy lifestyle
- Write weekly journal entries for each topic discussed
- Develop a book that younger students can use to promote a healthy lifestyle

Work in small groups exploring bodily systems, brainstorming questions and seeking answers through use of technology about how the human body works

## Learning Plan

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- Introduction to personal health and wellness
- Identify the stages of human growth and development
- Discussion of healthy personal choices, daily self-care practices, personal hygiene products
- Identification of the structure and function of the human bodily systems and their interrelationships
- Review the nutritional food groups, analyze nutrition labels, analyze personal food choices, and apply knowledge to create a healthy meal plan
- Discuss the difference between communicable and non-communicable diseases, acute vs. chronic and inherited diseases/conditions

Compare and contrast health conditions, prevention, and treatment of diseases such as asthma, obesity, diabetes, Lyme's disease, and HIV/AIDS

## Materials

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Associated web content and media sources are infused into the unit as applicable and available

In addition the materials below, the link connects to district approved textbooks and resources utilized in this course

### [CORE BOOK LIST](#)

The materials used in this course allow for integration of a variety of instructional, supplemental, and intervention materials that support student learners at all levels in the school and home environments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computers</li><li>• Projector</li><li>• Construction paper</li><li>• Markers</li><li>• Course videos</li><li>• handouts</li></ul>	.
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## Suggested Strategies for Modifications

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