

# Unit 01: Health Overview

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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 aims to increase the students' knowledge about the physical, social, emotional, mental aspects of health and wellness, thus enabling the students to make informed choices about their health now and in the future. Taking responsibility for one's own health is an essential step towards developing and maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle.

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## Standards

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By the end of Grade 8:

### 2.1 Mental Health: Emotional and Social Wellness

#### Personal Growth and Development

Individual actions, genetics, and family history can play a role in an individual's personal health.

- 2.1.8.PGD.1: Explain how appropriate health care can promote personal health.
- 2.1.8.PGD.2: Analyze how genetics and family history can impact personal health.
- 2.1.8.PGD.3: Describe the human reproductive systems, the external and internal body parts and their functions, and the natural variations that exist in human bodies.

Responsible actions regarding behavior can impact the development and health of oneself and others.

- 2.1.8.PGD.4: Analyze the relationship between healthy behaviors and personal health

#### Pregnancy and Parenting

An awareness of the stages of pregnancy and prenatal care can contribute to a healthy pregnancy and the birth of

a healthy child.

- 2.1.8.PP.1: Describe pregnancy testing, the signs of pregnancy, and pregnancy options, including parenting, abortion, and adoption.
- 2.1.8.PP.2: Summarize the stages of pregnancy from fertilization to birth.
- 2.1.8.PP.3: Identify prenatal practices that support a healthy pregnancy and identify where to find medically accurate sources of information about prenatal care.

There are a variety of factors that affect the social, emotional, and financial challenges that are associated with parenthood.

- 2.1.8.PP.4: Predict challenges that may be faced by adolescent parents and their families.
- 2.1.8.PP.5: Identify resources to assist with parenting.

### Emotional Health

Self-management skills impact an individual's ability to cope with different types of mental, psychological, and emotional situations.

- 2.1.8.EH.1: Compare and contrast stress management strategies that are used to address various types of stress-induced situations (e.g., academics, family, personal relationships, finances, celebrations, violence).
- 2.1.8.EH.2: Analyze how personal attributes, resiliency, and protective factors support mental and emotional health.

### Social and Sexual Health

Inclusive schools and communities are accepting of all people and make them feel welcome and included.

- 2.1.8.SSH.1: Differentiate between gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation.
- 2.1.8.SSH.2: Develop a plan for the school to promote dignity and respect for people of all genders, gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations in the school community.

Relationships are influenced by a wide variety of factors, individuals, and behaviors

- 2.1.8.SSH.3: Demonstrate communication skills that will support healthy relationships
- 2.1.8.SSH.4: Compare and contrast the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships.
- 2.1.8.SSH.5: Analyze the similarities and differences between friendships, romantic relationships and sexual relationships.
- 2.1.8.SSH.6: Examine how culture influences the way families cope with traumatic situations, crisis, and change.

There are factors that contribute to making healthy decisions about sex.

- 2.1.8.SSH.7: Identify factors that are important in deciding whether and when to engage in sexual behaviors.
- 2.1.8.SSH.8: Identify factors that can affect the ability to give or perceive consent to sexual activity (e.g., body image, self-esteem, alcohol, other substances).
- 2.1.8.SSH.9: Define vaginal, oral, and anal sex.
- 2.1.8.SSH.10: Identify short and long-term contraception and safer sex methods that are effective and describe how to access and use them (e.g., abstinence, condom).
- 2.1.8.SSH.11: Develop a plan to eliminate or reduce risk of unintended pregnancy and STIs (including HIV).

### Community Health Services and Support

Potential solutions to health issues are dependent on health literacy and locating resources accessible in a community.

- 2.1.8.CHSS.1: Identify professionals at school and in the community available to assist with health conditions and emergencies, sexual health services, life skills training and describe how they can be accessed (e.g., suicide prevention, CPR/AED, breast self-examination, traumatic stress).
- 2.1.8.CHSS.2: Describe the state and federal laws related to age of consent, minors' ability to consent to health care, confidentiality in a healthcare setting, child pornography, sexting, safe haven and sex trafficking.
- 2.1.8.CHSS.3: Identify the state and federal laws related to minors' access to sexual healthcare services, including pregnancy and STIs/HIV prevention, testing, care, and treatment.
- 2.1.8.CHSS.4: Identify community resources and/or other sources of support, such as trusted adults, including family members, caregivers, and school staff, that students can go to if they are or someone they know is being sexually harassed, abused, assaulted, exploited, or trafficked.
- 2.1.8.CHSS.5: Identify medically accurate sources of information about STIs, including HIV, such as local STIs /HIV prevention, steps to obtain PrEP and PEP, testing, and treatment resources.

Advocacy for personal, family, community, and global health can influence and change the interaction of people and their health.

- 2.1.8.CHSS.6: Develop an advocacy plan regarding a health issue and share this information in an appropriate setting.
- 2.1.8.CHSS.7: Collaborate with other students to develop a strategy to address health issues related to climate change.

Different people have different capacities to deal with different situations and being aware of a wide variety of tools and resources is beneficial.

- 2.1.8.CHSS.8: Analyze difficult situations that might lead to feelings sadness, anxiety and or depression and identify individuals, agencies or places in the community where assistance may be available.

## 2.2 Physical Wellness

### Physical Fitness

A variety of effective fitness principles applied consistently over time, enhance personal fitness levels, performance, and health status (e.g., Frequency, Intensity, Time, Type (F.I.T.T)).

- 2.2.8.PF.1: Summarize the short and long-term physical, social, mental, and emotional health benefits of regular physical fitness activity.
- 2.2.8.PF.2: Recognize and involve others of all ability levels into a physical activity.
- 2.2.8.PF.3: Execute the primary principals of training (FITT) and technology for the purpose of modifying personal levels of fitness (e.g., pedometers, heart rate monitors, health tracking systems, wearable technology, virtual classes, exergames).
- 2.2.8. PF.4: Implement and assess the effectiveness of a fitness plan based on health data, the assessment of one's personal fitness levels and monitor health/fitness indicators before, during, and after the workout program.
- 2.2.8.PF.5: Use evidence to predict how factors such as health status, body composition, interests, environmental conditions, healthy eating, anabolic steroids, physical activity, and lifestyle behaviors impact personal fitness and health.

### Lifelong Fitness

Effective Fitness principles combined with mental and emotional endurance over time will enhance performance and wellness.

- 2.2.8.LF.1: Develop and build an effective movement and physical fitness vocabulary for self, peers, and family members that can enhance wellness.
- 2.2.8.LF.2: Explain the importance of assuming responsibility for personal health behaviors through physical activity throughout one's lifetime.
- 2.2.8.LF.3: Explore by leading self and others to experience and participate in different cultures' physical fitness activities.
- 2.2.8.LF.4: Identify and recognize factors that generate positive emotions from participating in movement and physical fitness activities.
- 2.2.8.LF.5: Engages in a variety of physical activities (e.g., aerobic-fitness, strengthen,

Community resources can provide participation in physical activity for self and family members.

- 2.2.8.LF.6: Develop a strategy to overcome barriers that allows for a visit in the community that promotes physical activities.
- 2.2.8.LF.7: Evaluate personal attributes as they relate to career options in physical activity and health professions.

### Nutrition

Many factors can influence an individual's choices when selecting a balanced meal plan, which can affect nutritional wellness.

- 2.2.8.N.1: Analyze how culture, health status, age and access to healthy foods can influence personal eating habits.
- 2.2.8.N.2: Identify skills and healthy behaviors that can support adolescents in losing, gaining or maintaining healthy weights.
- 2.2.8.N.3: Design sample nutritional plans for families with different lifestyles, resources, special needs, and cultural backgrounds; then consider the similarities and differences among the plans.
- 2.2.8.N.4: Assess personal nutritional health and consider opportunities to improve health and performance (e.g., sports drinks, supplements, balance nutrition).

## 2.3 Safety

### Personal Safety

Awareness of potential risks factors and knowledge of strategies to evaluate choices and potential consequences can help to reduce negative impacts when confronted with difficult or unsafe situations

- 2.3.8.PS.1: Assess the degree of risk in a variety of situations, and identify strategies needed to reduce deliberate and non-deliberate injuries to self and others (e.g., digital safety, sexting, dating violence, domestic violence, gang violence, human trafficking, nonconsensual sexual encounters, other threats of violence).

Individuals may experience interpersonal and/or sexual violence for a variety of reasons, but the victim is never to blame.

- 2.3.8.PS.2: Define sexual consent and sexual agency.
- 2.3.8.PS.3: Define interpersonal and sexual violence and describe their impacts on sexual health (e.g., sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse, incest, rape, domestic violence, coercion, dating violence).
- 2.3.8.PS.4: Describe strategies that sex traffickers/exploiters employ to recruit youth.
- 2.3.8.PS.5: Determine the effectiveness of laws designed to keep children and adolescents healthy and safe (e.g., consent, child pornography, human trafficking, parental notification, drugs).

Technology can impact the capacity of individuals to develop and maintain healthy behaviors and interpersonal relationships.

- 2.3.8.PS.6: Demonstrate strategies to use social media safely, legally, and respectfully (e.g., sexting, sextortion).
- 2.3.8.PS.7: Evaluate the impact of technology and social media on relationships (e.g., consent, communication, respect).

### Health Conditions, Diseases and Medicines

Diseases can be contracted from a variety of sources and choices individuals make may contribute to or prevent a person from being susceptible to a disease or health condition.

- 2.3.8.HCDM.1: Justify how the use of universal precautions, sanitation and waste disposal, proper food handling and storage, and environmental controls can prevent diseases and health conditions.
- 2.3.8.HCDM.2: Determine the role of genetics in being susceptible to disease and health conditions and identify the types of behavior that might reduce the risk factors.
- 2.3.8.HCDM.3: Describe behaviors which may contribute to or prevent a person from being susceptible to disease and illness (e.g., cardiovascular, stroke, hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, HPV, testicular cancer).
- 2.3.8.HCDM.4: Describe the signs, symptoms, and potential impacts of STIs (including HIV).
- 2.3.8.HCDM.5: Compare and contrast behaviors, including abstinence, to determine the potential risk of pregnancy and/or STIs (including HIV) transmission.

The degree to which an individual is impacted by a health condition or disease can be affected by their immune system and treatment strategies.

- 2.3.8.HCDM.6: Explain how the immune system fights disease.
- 2.3.8.HCDM.7: Explain how certain methods of disease prevention, treatment strategies, and appropriate medicine use promote health-enhancing behaviors.

### Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs

The use of alcohol, tobacco (including ecigarettes, vaping), and other drugs (including cannabis products) can result in social, emotional, and physical harm to oneself and others.

- 2.3.8.ATD.1: Examine how the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by adolescents has impacted their lives and the lives of family members socially, emotionally, and physically.
- 2.3.8.ATD.2: Relate the use of alcohol and other drugs to decision-making, consent, and risk for sexual assault and abuse.
- 2.3.8.ATD.3: Determine the factors that contribute to different rules, laws, and policies in schools, communities, and states regarding alcohol, tobacco (including e-cigarettes, vaping, cannabis products), and other drugs.
- 2.3.8.ATD.4: Explain the impact of alcohol and other drugs on areas of the brain that control vision, sleep, coordination, reaction time, judgment, and memory.
- 2.3.8.ATD.5: Analyze how the influence of peers and different social settings (e.g., home, school, party) can result in positive and/or negative outcomes.

### Dependency, Substances Disorder and Treatment

A variety of factors can contribute to alcohol, tobacco, and drug disorders (e.g., mental health, genetics, environment) and a wide variety of treatment options are available depending on the needs of the individual.

- 2.3.8.DSDT.1: Summarize the signs and symptoms of alcohol, tobacco, and drug disorders.
- 2.3.8.DSDT.2: Compare and contrast the various services that are available for individuals affected by substance disorders in the community and at the state level.

The use of alcohol and drugs can affect the social, emotional, and physical behaviors of individuals and their families.

- 2.3.8.DSDT.3: Determine the impact that alcohol and drugs can have on an individual's social, emotional, and physical well-being.
- 2.3.8.DSDT.4: Examine how alcohol and drug disorders can impact the social, emotional, and physical lives of friends and family members.
- 2.3.8.DSDT.5: Compare and contrast the various services that are available for family members and others affected by substance disorders in the community and at the state level.

#### Interdisciplinary connections across content areas

- LA.WHST.6-8.2.D - Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- LA.WHST.6-8.4 - Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, voice, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- LA.WHST.11-12.6 - Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

#### 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.

#### Integration of Technology Standards through the NJSL

- TECH.8.1.8.A.3: Use and/or develop a simulation that provides an environment to solve a real world problem or theory.

#### Essential Questions

- Why is it important to develop physical, social, and emotional health?
- What does it mean to be healthy or well?
- What is the difference between health and wellness?
- What choices can be made during adolescence that will promote lifelong health and wellness?
- What are the consequences (especially unforeseen) of our choices in terms of wellness?

## **Enduring Understandings**

- making healthy choices during adolescence will promote lifelong health and wellness.

## **Transfer**

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## **Essential Understandings**

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## **Students Will Know**

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- the rules, regulations, and procedures of the health classroom.
- key terms, including but not limited to: health, wellness, physical health, mental health, social health, emotional health, adolescence.
- evaluating personal health status based on the wellness continuum
- choosing healthy behaviors over risky behaviors



## **Students Will Be Skilled At**

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- key terms, including but not limited to: health, wellness, physical health, mental health, social health, emotional health, adolescence.

## **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.

- act respectfully and follow the rules.
- participate in every class activity.
- complete class work, homework, group work, quizzes, tests, and projects that will evaluate understanding of concepts and key terms.
- apply knowledge to one's own personal life.
- develop personal health goals.
- answer the essential questions.
- individual/ Partner/ Groups activities and projects

## **Learning Plan**

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- SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

I. Health and Wellness

A. Total Health

B. Influences on Health

C. Building Health Skills

D. Making Responsible Decisions

E. Setting Health Goals

## II. Mental and Emotional Wellness

- A. Healthy Self Concept
- B. Character
- C. Expressing Emotions
- D. Coping with Stress
- E. Emotional Problems

## III. Healthy Relationships

- A. Communication Skills
- B. Family, Friends, and Peers
- C. Refusal Skills
- D. Resolving Conflicts
- E. Dating Violence

## IV. Nutrition

- A. Nutrients
- B. Healthful Eating
- C. Healthful Food Choices
- D. Managing Body Weight

## V. Physical Activity

- A. Physical Activity and Fitness
- B. Creating a Personal Fitness Plan
- C. Safety in Sports and Physical Activity

## VI. Personal Health

- A. Personal Hygiene

## B.Using Medicine Responsibly

## VII. Body Systems

### A.Cells

### B.Bones and Muscles

### C.Digestion and Excretion

### D.Heart, Blood, Lungs, and Nerves

## VIII. Growth and Development

### A.Adolescence

### B.Human Reproduction

### C.Hereditry and the Life Cycle

## IX. Tobacco

### A.Refusal Skills

### B.Dangers of Tobacco Use

### C.Staying Tobacco Free

## X. Alcohol and Other Drugs

### A. Dangers of Alcohol Use

### B. Alcoholism and Addiction

### C. Drug Classifications

### D. Drug Abuse

### E. Avoiding Alcohol and Drugs

## XI. Preventing Disease

### A.What Causes Diseases?

B.Communicable Diseases

- C. Understanding STDs
- D. HIV/ AIDS Awareness
- E. Non-communicable Diseases
- F. Hereditary Diseases

XII. Safety and the Environment

- A. Personal Safety Habits
- B. Safety In and Away From Home
- C. Outdoor Safety
- D. Safety in Severe Weather
- E. First Aid for Emergencies

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**Materials**

Google classroom/ technology access

Projector

Construction paper

Markers

Course videos

Handouts

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

In addition the materials above, 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 environment.

### **Suggested Strategies for Modifications**

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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JN3XzsuRVs09JoqKayEQYWUZt4rJdwqQ3rQl5jqs5C4/edit?usp=sharing>