

Curriculum Development
In the Fairfield Public Schools

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT

HEALTH GRADE 6

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Statement of Purpose

Health Education in the Fairfield Public Schools is a comprehensive, sequential curriculum whose goals are to develop skills, attitudes and knowledge necessary to protect, maintain and continually promote good health. The focus of the sixth grade curriculum is to provide the students with appropriate information concerning the topic of health in order to think critically and make good decisions.

Audience

All 6th grade students

Prerequisite

None

Design and Description

Students will meet one class period every day for a marking period.

The sixth grade curriculum will focus on such topics as substance abuse, family life, HIV/AIDS, conflict resolution, including bullying and sexual harassment. These topics will be presented through lectures, handouts, interactive activities, class discussions, videos and the use of technology to enhance student learning.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

- identify various ways to resolve conflicts.
- describe what the peer mediators do and how to access them.
- identify the signs of stress.
- identify situations that are stress producing.
- develop a system of coping skills for stress including exercise.
- recognize physical signs which indicate that they are angry.
- recognize triggers as well as different stages of anger.
- identify positive and negative ways to express anger and the consequences of both.
- recognize different ways to deal with anger.
- name the variety of emotions when presented with physical, verbal and situational cues.
- name situations in which they might have conflicting feelings.
- recognize that feelings may change due to maturation, circumstances or new information.
- identify situations in which he/she would like to make a friend.
- identify ways/steps to develop healthy friendships.
- understand the risks on the Internet and how to handle them.
- develop an appreciation of the uniqueness and value of self and others.
- describe the emotional, physical, social and intellectual changes that occur during puberty.

- explore the changes in feelings/emotions centering around body image as they enter adolescence.
- identify nicotine as the stimulant found in tobacco products.
- describe the physiological effects of using tobacco products and inhaling others' smoke.
- review the effects of alcohol on the mind, body and behavior.
- provide a list of alternatives to drinking alcohol.
- identify the harmful effects of inhalants.
- identify the health, school, legal, family and inner consequences of smoking marijuana.
- identify how using drugs can jeopardize a young person's life now and in their future.
- describe some of the characteristics of chemical dependency in relationship to alcohol.
- describe what it is like to belong to a family with an alcoholic member.
- state that children don't cause alcoholism in a family member, they can't control and can't cure it, but can take care of themselves and things can get better.
- evaluate how advertisements for nicotine and alcohol can be misleading including issues of sex roles and stereotyping.
- identify a model for making responsible decisions.
- discuss the more difficult decisions facing young people.
- evaluate how a personal value system influences decision-making.
- identify sources of help for problems related to substance abuse, including local resources and middle school drug counselor.
- understand the financial consequences to drug use.
- discuss methods of transmission, blood-to-blood, sexual intercourse, from infected mother to child.
- dispel myths about HIV/AIDS.
- recognize the importance of compassion; understanding and care for all HIV infected people.
- discuss current events in Health.
- identify the cause, signs and symptoms and treatments for Lyme Disease.
- identify measures to prevent Lyme disease including steps to take if a tick is found on the body.

Skill Objectives

Students will:

- define conflict.
- define sexual harassment in terms of personal rights, school policy and law.
- recognize the negative consequences to online bullying or harassment and understand steps to take when it occurs.
- define stress and recognize stress as the body's response to a crisis or change.
- apply communication skills to resolution (i.e.: I statements, active listening, body language, questioning, verbal and non-verbal clues).
- label the organs of the reproductive systems.

- define masturbation.
- define the terms virus, antigen, pathogen, T-cells and antibody.
- define the acronyms HIV and AIDS.
- list preventative measures which can protect a person from HIV/AIDS.

State of Connecticut Health Standards

Core Concepts

Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health. Concepts include but are not limited to: human growth and development, community and environmental health, human sexuality, injury and disease prevention, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, mental and emotional health, nutrition and physical activity, and alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Students will examine how families and peers can influence the health of adolescents.

Students will use appropriate strategies to prevent/reduce risks and promote well-being.

Accessing Health Information and Resources

Students will demonstrate the ability to access valid health information, products and services.

Students will examine factors that may influence the personal selection of health information, products and services.

Students will demonstrate ways to obtain medically accurate information about comprehensive sexuality education from family, school, personnel, health professionals and other responsible adults

Self-Management of Healthy Behaviors

Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health enhancing behaviors and avoid or reduce health risks.

Students will apply skills to manage stress.

Students will distinguish between safe, risky or harmful behaviors involving themselves and/or others.

Communication Skills

Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health and avoid or reduce risks.

Students will examine the possible causes of conflict among youth in schools and communities.

Advocacy

Students will demonstrate the ability to advocate for personal, family and community health.

Students will promote positive ways to show care and consideration for others (e.g. persons living with HIV/AIDS, diabetes, cancer)

Students will demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively in small groups when advocating for healthy individuals, families and schools.

Students will encourage and support others in making positive health choices

Essential Questions

- What do I need to know to stay healthy?
- How and where do I find information, products and services?
- What can I do to avoid or reduce health risks?
- How can communication enhance my personal health?
- What can I do to promote accurate health information and healthy behaviors?

Focus Questions

- What is sexual harassment?
- What should you do if you are being sexually harassed?
- What makes sexual harassment so confusing?
- What are some examples of things, which may be sexual harassment?
- What is bullying?
- What are positive, effective ways of dealing with bullying?
- Why do some people bully/tease others?
- What are effective steps for resolving conflict?
- What are examples of normal topics of conflict?
- What are Internet risks?
- What is online bullying and how do you handle it?
- What is stress and the effective coping mechanisms for handling stress?
- How does anger play a role in relationships and how does it affect empathy?
- How are positive friendships made and kept?
- What are normal changes, which occur during puberty? (Physical, emotional, social)
- What is puberty?
- What is the function of the ovaries, fallopian tubes, uterus, cervix and vagina?
- What are the functions of the penis, testicles, urethra, semen and sperm?
- What is menstruation?
- What is a nocturnal emission?
- What is HIV/AIDS and what are the methods of transmission?
- What are the preventative measures involved?
- What are examples of how people infected with HIV/AIDS are not given compassion and understanding?

NICOTINE

- What are the reasons why teens may begin to smoke?
- What is the difference between habit, dependency and addiction?
- What is the addictive drug in tobacco products?
- What are the truths and myths about second hand smoke?
- How does smoking effect our appearance, life, physical health (cancer information) - immediate and long-term?

ALCOHOL

- What constitutes one drink?
- What type of a drug is alcohol?
- What is the most used/popular illegal drug used by teens?
- How old do you have to be to drink alcohol, legally in the U.S.?
- What are the immediate consequences of alcohol use?
- What are the immediate effects of alcohol use?
- What is the function of the liver and how quickly does it work?

MARIJUANA

- What are the immediate affects of Marijuana use?
- What are the long-term affects of Marijuana use?
- What is the active ingredient in Marijuana?
- What are the nicknames used for Marijuana?
- Is Marijuana an illegal or legal drug?
- What makes Marijuana so dangerous?

INHALANTS

- What are examples of inhalants?
- Why do kids not think inhalants they can harm them?
- What are ways inhalants can kill you?
- How can you protect yourself?
- What are immediate effects of inhalant use?

WAYS TO SAY NO

- What are effective ways to say no to drugs or other risky behaviors?

DECISION MAKING

- What makes it hard to make good decisions?
- What makes it easy to make good decisions?
- What are necessary steps to making an effective decision?

ADVERTISEMENT

- How can advertisements for alcohol and tobacco be misleading?

UNITS OF STUDY

Unit 1: Conflict Resolution/Bullying/Harassment/Stress

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Core Topics

- Sexual harassment
- Examples of sexual harassment
- Bullying
- Examples of bullying
- Ways to deal with bullying
- Reasons people may bully
- Methods/steps of conflict resolution
- Internet Safety
- Anger
- Empathy
- Stress

Unit Objectives

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- identify situations that are stress producing.
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- apply communication skills to resolution (i.e.: I statements, active listening, body language, questioning, verbal and non-verbal clues).

Sample Assessment

Stress busters

Pacing

12-15 days

Unit 2: Family Life

Health Standards

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Essential Questions

- What do I need to know to stay healthy?
- How and where do I find information, products and resources?

Focus Questions

- What are normal changes, which occur during puberty? (Physical, emotional, social)
- What is puberty?
- What is the function of the ovaries, fallopian tubes, uterus, cervix and vagina?
- What are the functions of the penis, testicles, urethra, semen and sperm?
- What is menstruation?
- What is a nocturnal emission?

Core Topics

- Definition of puberty
- Changes during puberty
- Female reproductive system
- Male reproductive system

Unit Objectives

Students will be able to:

- describe the emotional, physical, social and intellectual changes that occur during puberty.
- explore the changes in feelings/emotions centering around body image as they enter adolescence.

Skill Objectives

Students will:

- label the organs of the reproductive systems.
- define masturbation.

Sample Assessment

Changes in Middle School Speech

Pacing

4-5 days

Unit 3: Substance Abuse

Health Standards

Core Concepts

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Focus Questions

NICOTINE

- What are the reasons why teens may begin to smoke?
- What is the difference between habit, dependency and addiction?
- What is the addictive drug in tobacco products?
- What are the truths and myths about second hand smoke?
- How does smoking effect our appearance, life, physical health (cancer information) - immediate and long-term?

ALCOHOL

- What constitutes one drink?
- What type of a drug is alcohol?
- What is the most used/popular illegal drug used by teens?
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- What are the immediate consequences of alcohol use?

- What are the immediate effects of alcohol use?
- What is the function of the liver and how quickly does it work?

MARIJUANA

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INHALANTS

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WAYS TO SAY NO

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DECISION MAKING

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ADVERTISEMENT

- How can advertisements for alcohol and tobacco be misleading?

Core Topics

- Types of Drugs
 - Alcohol
 - Marijuana
 - Nicotine
 - Inhalants
- Responses to pressures to use drugs
 - Decision making
 - Ways to say no
 - Advertising

Unit Objectives

Students will be able to:

- identify nicotine as the stimulant found in tobacco products.
- describe the physiological effects of using tobacco products and inhaling others' smoke.
- review the effects of alcohol on the mind, body and behavior.
- provide a list of alternatives to drinking alcohol.
- identify the harmful effects of inhalants.
- identify the health, school, legal, family and inner consequences of smoking marijuana.

- identify how using drugs can jeopardize a young person's life now and in their future.
- describe some of the characteristics of chemical dependency in relationship to alcohol.
- describe what it is like to belong to a family with an alcoholic member.
- state that children don't cause alcoholism in a family member, they can't control and can't cure it, but can take care of themselves and things can get better.
- identify a model for making responsible decisions.
- discuss the more difficult decisions facing young people.
- identify sources of help for problems related to substance abuse, including local resources and middle school drug counselor.
- understand the financial consequences to drug use.

Skill Objectives

Students will:

- evaluate how advertisements for nicotine and alcohol can be misleading including issues of sex roles and stereotyping.
- evaluate how a personal value system influences decision-making.

Sample Assessment

Refusal Skills

Pacing

16 days

Unit 4: HIV/AIDS and DISEASE

Health Standards

Accessing Health Information and Resources

Students will demonstrate the ability to access valid health information, products and services.

Students will examine factors that may influence the personal selection of health information, products and services.

Advocacy

Students will demonstrate the ability to advocate for personal, family and community health

Students will promote positive ways to show care and consideration for others (e.g. persons living with HIV/AIDS, diabetes, cancer).

Essential Questions

- How and where do I find information, products and resources?
- What can I do to promote accurate health information and healthy behaviors?

Focus Questions

- What is HIV/AIDS and what are the methods of transmission?
- What are the preventative measures involved?
- What are examples of how people infected with HIV/AIDS are not given compassion and understanding?
- What are the preventative measures involved in Lyme Disease?

Core Topics

- HIV
- AIDS
- Symptoms – AIDS
- Fluids HIV lives in
- Myths
- Ways to get HIV/ prevention
- Compassion
- Lyme Disease

Unit Objectives

Students will be able to:

- discuss methods of transmission, blood-to-blood, sexual intercourse, from infected mother to child.
- dispel myths about HIV/AIDS.
- recognize the importance of compassion; understanding and care for all HIV infected people.

- identify the cause, signs and symptoms and treatments for Lyme Disease.
- identify measures to prevent Lyme disease including steps to take if a tick is found on the body.

Skill Objectives

Students will:

- define the terms virus, antigen, pathogen, T-cells and antibody.
- define the acronyms HIV and AIDS.
- list preventative measures which can protect a person from HIV/AIDS.

Sample Assessment

Bookmarks

Pacing

2-3 days