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Introduction to the Kansas K-12 Health Education Standards

Background

Kansas schools have a long history of providing health education to students. While some schools offer more health curricula than others, most offer some type of health education during grades K-12, most notably puberty education for grades 4-6, and a required health class, usually in grades 7, 8, 9, or 10.

Research studies show that healthy kids do better in school and score higher on achievement tests. In the 1990s, educators nationwide realized the need for a set of national health education standards that states could use as a template. In 1995, the National Committee for Health Health Education Standards created seven national health education standards with K-12 benchmarks that covered the ten content areas of health and the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) six risk behaviors for adolescents.

In 2004, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) recognized the need for Kansas to have its own set of health education standards. The standards were then approved by the Kansas State Board of Education in 2006.

In January of 2018, a committee of K-12 health and physical educators and higher education health professionals convened to revise the current health education standards. In September of 2018, the proposed revisions were presented to the State Board of Education and were then approved in November of 2018.

How to Use the Standards

The Kansas Health Education Standards are to be used to plan and implement K-12 health education in Kansas schools. Although health education is non-assessed in the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) guidelines, it is an important content area. This document provides an outline of recommendations for quality health education instruction for Kansas students.

The Health Education Standards Committee believes that parents should be involved with the health education of their children. Parents are encouraged to visit with their schools' health teachers about the health topics that will be covered in class and to talk with their children about these health issues.

The Kansas Health Education Standards are divided into four sections: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. They were created using the national standards as a template (available at www.shapeamerica.org), but the benchmarks were edited to make the standards more user-friendly for Kansas teachers. Research shows that elementary students who are given nutrition, physical activity, and substance abuse resistance skills education, eat a healthier diet, exercise more, and resist substance abuse. Students in grades 5-12 who receive health education focused on the CDC's adolescent risk behaviors also eat healthier, exercise more, resist substance abuse, avoid intentional and unintentional injury, and also delay sexual activity.

The Kansas Health Education Standards Revision Committee feels strongly that health education for Kansas students should be implemented throughout grades K-12 and we encourage teachers to dialogue with their administration regarding ways to strengthen health education in Kansas schools. While the Kansas State Department of Education does not endorse any particular curricula, there are a number of affordable, researched based, K-12 health education curricula currently available to school districts at reasonable costs.

Conclusion

The Health Education Standards Revision Committee hopes these standards will be helpful to you and we applaud your commitment to providing quality health education for Kansas children and teens. If you have questions regarding these standards, please contact: Mark Thompson, Education Program Consultant, Kansas State Department of Education, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612 (785) 296-6823

Kansas Health Content Areas

- Community Health
- Consumer Health
- Environmental Health
- Family Life, Relationships and Human Sexuality
- Injury Prevention and Safety
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Nutrition
- Personal Health
- Prevention and Control of Disease
- Substance Use, Abuse and Addiction

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Community Health

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Community Health

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Community helpers (police, firefighters, nurses, sanitation, doctors, EMT, etc.)
	2.2 Local community needs/issues/events
	2.3 Healthy Communities (home, neighborhoods, school, etc.)
3-5	5.1 Community helpers and their roles within communities
	5.2 Local community needs/issues/events
	5.3 Structure of communities
	5.4 Individual roles in maintaining a healthy community
6-8	8.1 Resources in the community for improved health
	8.2 Local community needs/issues/events
	8.3 Local/state laws, ordinances, and policies for a healthy community
	8.4 Impact of participation and engagement within the community
	8.5 Global health issues
9-12	12.1 Local community needs/issues/events
	12.2 Local/state laws, ordinances, and policies for a healthy community
	12.3 Value of community interactions
	12.4 Strategies to maintain a healthy community
	12.5 Personal service for the betterment of the community
	12.6 Global health issues

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Consumer Health

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Consumer Health

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Reliable health-care products, safety professionals, and services
	2.2 Safety rules for using medicines and health-care products
	2.3 Interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on health choices
3-5	5.1 Validity of information on health care products and services
	5.2 Hazards and benefits of medicines and health-care products
	5.3 Interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on health choices
	5.4 Validity of product claims
6-8	8.1 Validity of information on health care products and services
	8.2 Adolescent health care product information
	8.3 Interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on health choices (budgeting, culture, SES, etc.)
	8.4 Informed consumer choices regarding health
	8.5 Seek reliable consumer health advice
	8.6 Importance of local and state health policies
9-12	12.1 Availability and accessibility of health-care services
	12.2 Adolescent health-care products and services
	12.3 Interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on health choices (budgeting, culture, SES, etc.)
	12.4 Characteristics of informed consumers
	12.5 Seek reliable advice regarding consumer health choices
	12.6 Role of media in disseminating health information
	12.7 Basic health insurance terminology

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Environmental Health

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Environmental Health

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Healthy and clean communities
	2.2 Reduce, reuse, recycle, and alternatives
	2.3 Types of pollution
	2.4 Environmental health hazards (air, soil, sun, water, noise, food, chemicals, etc.)
3-5	5.1 Healthy and clean communities
	5.2 Reduce, reuse, recycle, and alternatives
	5.3 Types and effects of pollution
	5.4 Environmental hazards and their health risks (air, soil, sun, water, noise, food, chemicals, etc.)
6-8	8.1 Personal responsibility for community environmental issues
	8.2 Reduce, reuse, recycle, and alternatives
	8.3 Types and effects of pollution
	8.4 Environmental influences on health
	8.5 Local and state environmental issues
	8.6 Laws, ordinances, and policies
9-12	12.1 Personal responsibility for community environmental issues
	12.2 Reduce, reuse, recycle and alternatives
	12.3 Relationship between environment, disease, and health
	12.4 Local, state, and global environmental issues
	12.5 Laws, ordinances, and policies

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Family Life, Relationships and Human Sexuality

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Family Life, Relationships and Human Sexuality

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Stages of growth and development
	2.2 Body parts and their functions
	2.3 Five senses
	2.4 Similarities and differences as individuals and families
	2.5 Adapting to changes within families
	2.6 Responsibilities/roles of family members
3-5	5.1 Building healthy relationships
	5.2 Changes associated with puberty
	5.3 Respect yourself and others
	5.4 Adapting to changes within families
	5.5 Stages of development
6-8	8.1 Changes during puberty
	8.2 Refusal skills
	8.3 Responsible behaviors within relationships (communication, abstinence, etc.)
	8.4 Male and female reproductive systems
	8.5 Potential outcomes of sexual activity
	8.6 Seeking reliable adult advice regarding relationships, dating, and sexual activity
	8.7 Laws associated with sexual behaviors (consent, harassment, assault, rape, etc.)
9-12	12.1 Adapting to changes associated with puberty
	12.2 Adapting to change within the family
	12.3 Changing responsibilities from adolescence to adulthood
	12.4 Responsible behaviors within relationships (communication, abstinence, etc.)
	12.5 Potential outcomes of sexual activity (STIs, pregnancy, etc.)

12.6 Impact of media and technology on sexual behaviors
12.7 Laws associated with sexual behaviors (consent, harassment, assault, rape, human trafficking, etc.)
12.8 Differences between individual, family, culture, community, and global values

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Injury Prevention and Safety

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Injury Prevention and Safety

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Safety rules and laws (ex seat belts, helmets, crossing the street, sunscreen, fire safety, etc.)
	2.2 Emergency and non-emergency situations
	2.3 Refusal skills and decision making, to reduce accidents and injuries
	2.4 Responding to unwanted, threatening, or dangerous situations
	2.5 Strategies to report verbal, mental and physical harm
	2.6 Conflict resolution steps
	2.7 Dangers of poisons
3-5	5.1 Behaviors to prevent physical injury (ex fire safety, exercising, bicycle safety, car safety, etc.)
	5.2 Regularly and properly use safety equipment
	5.3 Proper responses to emergency situations
	5.4 Refusal skills and decision making, to reduce accidents and injuries
	5.5 Basic first aid (including when to call 911, etc.)
	5.6 Resources for injury prevention
	5.7 Safety when using the internet and other technology
	5.8 Non-violent strategies to manage or resolve conflicts
6-8	8.1 Basic first aid skills (including bloodborne pathogens)
	8.2 Injury prevention at home, school and community
	8.3 Prevention for sports, physical activity and recreation related injury
	8.4 Resources for safety and injury prevention and response (school, work, community, home, etc.)
	8.5 Intentional and unintentional injury
	8.6 Prevention and response to physical violence (guns and/or weapons and bullying)
	8.7 Prevention and response to mental violence (bullying and abuse)

	8.8 Prevention and response to sexual violence (harassment, assault, rape, and abuse)
	8.9 Prevention and response to social violence (relationships, conflict resolution, and cyber)
	8.10 Media safety (social media, cyber, TV, music, advertising, etc.)
	8.11 Weather related safety (supplies, shelter, etc.)
9-12	12.1 Basic first aid skills
	12.2 Demonstrate and perform CPR/AED procedures according to current and nationally recognized guidelines
	12.3 Resources to prevent and avoid violence
	12.4 Prevention and response to physical violence (guns and/or weapons and bullying)
	12.5 Prevention and response to mental violence (bullying and abuse)
	12.6 Prevention and response to social violence (relationships, conflict resolution, and cyber)
	12.7 Prevention and response to sexual violence (harassment, assault, rape, and abuse)
	12.8 Media safety (social media, cyber, TV, music, advertising, etc.)
	12.9 Causes of conflict and non-violent conflict resolutions
	12.10 Consequences of violence (school policies, laws, etc.)

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Mental and Emotional Health

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Mental and Emotional Health

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Healthy ways to communicate needs, wants, and feelings
	2.2 Communicating care, consideration, and respect
	2.3 Development of coping skills
	2.4 Positive body images and self-esteem
	2.5 Bullying/harassment prevention
3-5	5.1 Appropriate methods of expressing feelings
	5.2 Expressing wants and needs in a productive and healthy manner
	5.3 Care, consideration, and respect to self and others
	5.4 Stress management and coping skills
	5.5 Interpersonal and intrapersonal motivation for self-efficacy
	5.6 Relationship between body image and self-esteem
	5.7 Techniques to prevent bullying
6-8	8.1 Importance of expressing emotions in a productive and healthy manner
	8.2 Character development
	8.3 Mental health terminology
	8.4 Stress management and coping skills
	8.5 Coping with loss and grief
	8.6 Characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships
	8.7 Relationship between body image and self-esteem
	8.8 Impact of media on self-esteem
	8.9 Bullying/harassment prevention
9-12	12.1 Importance of expressing emotions in a productive and healthy manner
	12.2 Mental illnesses
	12.3 Stigmas associated with mental illness
	12.4 Avoiding negative self-talk, self-harm, and suicide

12.5 Coping skills (grief, stress, depression, bullying, anxiety, etc.)
12.6 Characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships
12.7 Healthy versus unhealthy body image

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Nutrition

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Nutrition

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Digestion
	2.2 Role of food and nutrients in providing energy
	2.3 Balanced diet
	2.4 Impact of food choices
	2.5 Food groups
	2.6 Daily requirements for water
	2.7 Safe food-handling practices
	2.8 Relationship between exercise and nutrition
3-5	5.1 Digestive system (basic function and organs)
	5.2 Calories
	5.3 Food groups
	5.4 Healthy nutrition guidelines
	5.5 Nutritional needs through stages of development
	5.6 Food labels
	5.7 Energy and nutrients
	5.8 Food health policies
	5.9 Eating disorders/dysfunctions
	5.10 Links between nutrition and illness
	5.11 Energy drinks
	5.12 Informed food selection
	5.13 Impact of food choices
6-8	8.1 Nutritional needs through stages of development
	8.2 Meal planning and budgeting

	8.3 Safe storage and food handling
	8.4 Nutritional goals
	8.5 Community nutrition efforts
	8.6 Food labels
	8.7 Eating disorders/dysfunctions
	8.8 Dietary guidelines
	8.9 Establishing and maintaining healthy eating practices
	8.10 Factors in weight control
	8.11 Food packaging and advertising
	8.12 Nutritional supplements
	8.13 Impact of food choices
9-12	12.1 Nutritional needs through stages of development
	12.2 Meal planning and budgeting
	12.3 Food safety
	12.4 Nutritional value of foods
	12.5 Cultural and ethnic food choices
	12.6 Food labels
	12.7 Eating disorders/dysfunctions
	12.8 Healthy eating patterns
	12.9 Essential nutrients
	12.10 Performance enhancing beverages/supplements
	12.11 Impact of food choices

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Personal Health

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Personal Health

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Functions of major body organs
	2.2 Maintaining clean skin, hair, teeth and clothes
	2.3 Heart-healthy activities and the benefits of exercise
	2.4 Importance of personal health and to seek health care
	2.5 Healthy and unhealthy behaviors impact personal health and self-worth
3-5	5.1 Function and anatomy of the body systems
	5.2 Responsible care of the body (ex nutrition, hygiene, exercise, etc.)
	5.3 Benefits of exercise
	5.4 Importance and strategies to seek personal health care
	5.5 Relationship between emotional, mental, social, and physical health
	5.6 Value and impact of sleep on the body
6-8	8.1 Major body systems, anatomy, functions, relationships between systems
	8.2 Proper adolescent hygiene habits
	8.3 Purpose, examples, and benefits of daily exercise
	8.4 Importance and strategies to seek personal health care
	8.5 Develop positive relationships
	8.6 Recommended sleep amounts
9-12	12.1 Major body systems, anatomy, functions, relationships between systems and connection to disease
	12.2 Proper adolescent hygiene habits
	12.3 Leading causes of death and risk behaviors
	12.4 Traits and skills of lifelong learners
	12.5 Components of wellness

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Prevention & Control of Disease

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Prevention & Control of Disease

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Health plan for germ protection for disease prevention
	2.2 Common childhood illnesses and symptoms
	2.3 Communicable and non-communicable illnesses
	2.4 Roles of the body and medicines in preventing germs
	2.5 Relationship between nutrition, exercise and disease prevention
	2.6 Types of germs and transmissions
	2.7 Purpose of immunizations
	2.8 Importance of routine check-ups
3-5	5.1 Health plan for germ protection for disease prevention
	5.2 Common allergies and illnesses, symptoms and management
	5.3 Communicable and non-communicable illnesses
	5.4 Roles of the body and medicines in protecting against germs
	5.5 Relationship between lifestyle choices and disease prevention
	5.6 Bacterial, viral, and fungal infections
	5.7 Structure and functions of the immune system
6-8	8.1 Disease prevention skills
	8.2 Common causes of death, illness and disorders
	8.3 Communicable and noncommunicable diseases
	8.4 Medical resources, health screenings and treatment methods for disease
	8.5 Relationship between lifestyle choices and disease prevention
	8.6 Differences between bacterial, viral and fungal infections
	8.7 Structure/function of the immune system
9-12	12.1 Disease prevention skills
	12.2 Common causes of diseases, illness and disorders

12.3 Influence of heredity and diseases
12.4 Medical resources, health screenings and treatment methods for disease
12.5 Relationship between lifestyle choices and disease prevention
12.6 Current healthcare issues

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Substance Use, Abuse and Addiction

Standard #1: Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard #2: Students will analyze influences on health behaviors (including family, peer, culture, media, technology and other factors).

Standard #3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze valid information and products and services to enhance health.

Standard #4: Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #6: Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Standard #7: Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors to enhance health or reduce health risks.

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for Substance Use and Abuse & Addiction

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
K-2	2.1 Drug types and dangers of each (alcohol, tobacco, other illegal drugs)
	2.2 Helpful and harmful drugs
	2.3 Appropriate use of medicine
	2.4 Safe choices with medicines and drugs
	2.5 Effects of medicines and drugs
	2.6 Refusal skills
3-5	5.1 Types of tobacco products and the risks of using these products
	5.2 Dangers of misuse and abuse of drugs
	5.3 Proper use of over the counter and prescription medicines
	5.4 Short-term and long-term effects of drugs
	5.5 Rules and laws for medicines and drugs
	5.6 Physical and psychological addictions
	5.7 Values and social behaviors in preventing drug use
	5.8 Resources and trusted experts on drugs and medicines
	5.9 Personal strategies (assertiveness, resistance, refusal skills, and goal setting) for drug free living
6-8	8.1 Effects and consequences of nicotine use (all forms)
	8.2 Effects and consequences of alcohol use
	8.3 Effects and consequences of illegal drug use
	8.4 Cumulative risk behaviors (patterns, gateway drugs, etc.)
	8.5 Correct use, misuse and abuse of drugs
	8.6 Categories of drugs (ex. stimulants, opiates, depressants, hallucinogens, etc.)
	8.7 Addiction and tolerance
	8.8 Addictive substances and effects on all dimensions of health
	8.9 Media, social influences, and peer pressure of drug usage

	8.10 Rules and laws for medicines and drugs
	8.11 Safe alternatives to medicine
	8.12 Treatment, intervention and prevention of drug overdose, dependency, and abuse
9-12	12.1 Effects and consequences of nicotine use (all forms)
	12.2 Effects and consequences of alcohol use
	12.3 Effects and consequences of illegal drug use
	12.4 Categories of drugs (ex. stimulants, opiates, depressants, hallucinogens, etc.)
	12.5 Cumulative risk behaviors (patterns, gateway drugs, etc.)
	12.6 Unsafe situations involving drugs, including alcohol
	12.7 Helpful and harmful use of prescription and non-prescription drugs
	12.8 Strategies to resist peer pressure to engage in substance abuse
	12.9 Media, social influences, and societal pressure of drug usage
	12.10 Rules and laws for medicines and drugs
	12.11 Safe alternatives to medicine
	12.12 Government policies and global issues in drug trends

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for K-2

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
Community	2.1 Community helpers (police, firefighters, nurses, sanitation, doctors, EMT, etc.)
Health	2.2 Local community needs/issues/events
	2.3 Healthy Communities (home, neighborhoods, school, etc.)
Consumer	2.1 Reliable health-care products, safety professionals, and services
Health	2.2 Safety rules for using medicines and health-care products
	2.3 Interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on health choices
Environmental	2.1 Healthy and clean communities
Health	2.2 Reduce, reuse, recycle, and alternatives
	2.3 Types of pollution
	2.4 Environmental health hazards (air, soil, sun, water, noise, food, chemicals, etc.)
Human	2.1 Stages of growth and development
Sexuality and	2.2 Body parts and their functions
Relationships	2.3 Five senses
Kelationships	2.4 Similarities and differences as individuals and families
	2.5 Adapting to changes within families
	2.6 Responsibilities/roles of family members
Injury	2.1 Safety rules and laws (ex seat belts, helmets, crossing the street, sunscreen, fire safety, etc.)
Prevention and	2.2 Emergency and non-emergency situations
Safety	2.3 Refusal skills and decision making, to reduce accidents and injuries
Saicty	2.4 Responding to unwanted, threatening, or dangerous situations
	2.5 Strategies to report verbal, mental and physical harm
	2.6 Conflict resolution steps
	2.7 Dangers of poisons

Mental and	2.1 Healthy ways to communicate needs, wants, and feelings
Emotional	2.2 Communicating care, consideration, and respect
Health	2.3 Development of coping skills
пеанн	2.4 Positive body images and self-esteem
	2.5 Bullying/harassment prevention
Nutrition	2.1 Digestion
	2.2 Role of food and nutrients in providing energy
	2.3 Balanced diet
	2.4 Impact of food choices
	2.5 Food groups
	2.6 Daily requirements for water
	2.7 Safe food-handling practices
	2.8 Relationship between exercise and nutrition
Personal	2.1 Functions of major body organs
Health	2.2 Maintaining clean skin, hair, teeth and clothes
	2.3 Heart-healthy activities and the benefits of exercise
	2.4 Importance of personal health and to seek health care
	2.5 Healthy and unhealthy behaviors impact personal health and self-worth
Prevention &	2.1 Health plan for germ protection for disease prevention
Control of	2.2 Common childhood illnesses and symptoms
Disease	2.3 Communicable and non-communicable illnesses
Discuse	2.4 Roles of the body and medicines in preventing germs
	2.5 Relationship between nutrition, exercise and disease prevention
	2.6 Types of germs and transmissions
	2.7 Purpose of immunizations
	2.8 Importance of routine check-ups

Substance Use	2.1 Drug types and dangers of each (alcohol, tobacco, other illegal drugs)
and Abuse &	2.2 Helpful and harmful drugs
Addiction	2.3 Appropriate use of medicine
Addiction	2.4 Safe choices with medicines and drugs
	2.5 Effects of medicines and drugs
	2.6 Refusal skills

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for 3-5

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
Community	5.1 Community helpers and their roles within communities
Health	5.2 Local community needs/issues/events
	5.3 Structure of communities
	5.4 Individual roles in maintaining a healthy community
Consumer	5.1 Validity of information on health care products and services
Health	5.2 Hazards and benefits of medicines and health-care products
	5.3 Interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on health choices
	5.4 Validity of product claims
Environmental	5.1 Healthy and clean communities
Health	5.2 Reduce, reuse, recycle, and alternatives
	5.3 Types and effects of pollution
	5.4 Environmental hazards and their health risks (air, soil, sun, water, noise, food, chemicals, etc.)
Human	5.1 Building healthy relationships
Sexuality and	5.2 Changes associated with puberty
Relationships	5.3 Respect yourself and others
•	5.4 Adapting to changes within families
	5.5 Stages of development
Injury	5.1 Behaviors to prevent physical injury (ex fire safety, exercising, bicycle safety, car safety, etc.)
Prevention and	5.2 Regularly and properly use safety equipment
Safety	5.3 Proper responses to emergency situations
	5.4 Refusal skills and decision making, to reduce accidents and injuries
	5.5 Basic first aid (including when to call 911, etc.)
	5.6 Resources for injury prevention

	5.7 Safety when using the internet and other technology
	5.8 Non-violent strategies to manage or resolve conflicts
Mental and	5.1 Appropriate methods of expressing feelings
Emotional	5.2 Expressing wants and needs in a productive and healthy manner
Health	5.3 Care, consideration, and respect to self and others
nearth	5.4 Stress management and coping skills
	5.5 Interpersonal and intrapersonal motivation for self-efficacy
	5.6 Relationship between body image and self-esteem
	5.7 Techniques to prevent bullying
Nutrition	5.1 Digestive system (basic function and organs)
	5.2 Calories
	5.3 Food groups
	5.4 Healthy nutrition guidelines
	5.5 Nutritional needs through stages of development
	5.6 Food labels
	5.7 Energy and nutrients
	5.8 Food health policies
	5.9 Eating disorders/dysfunctions
	5.10 Links between nutrition and illness
	5.11 Energy drinks
	5.12 Informed food selection
	5.13 Impact of food choices
Personal	5.1 Function and anatomy of the body systems
Health	5.2 Responsible care of the body (ex nutrition, hygiene, exercise, etc.)
	5.3 Benefits of exercise
	5.4 Importance and strategies to seek personal health care
	5.5 Relationship between emotional, mental, social, and physical health
	5.6 Value and impact of sleep on the body

Prevention &	5.1 Health plan for germ protection for disease prevention
Control of	5.2 Common allergies and illnesses, symptoms and management
Disease	5.3 Communicable and non-communicable illnesses
Discase	5.4 Roles of the body and medicines in protecting against germs
	5.5 Relationship between lifestyle choices and disease prevention
	5.6 Bacterial, viral, and fungal infections
	5.7 Structure and functions of the immune system
Substance Use	5.1 Types of tobacco products and the risks of using these products
and Abuse &	5.2 Dangers of misuse and abuse of drugs
Addiction	5.3 Proper use of over the counter and prescription medicines
Addiction	5.4 Short-term and long-term effects of drugs
	5.5 Rules and laws for medicines and drugs
	5.6 Physical and psychological addictions
	5.7 Values and social behaviors in preventing drug use
	5.8 Resources and trusted experts on drugs and medicines
	5.9 Personal strategies (assertiveness, resistance, refusal skills, and goal setting) for drug free living

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for 6-8

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:
Community	8.1 Resources in the community for improved health
Health	8.2 Local community needs/issues/events
	8.3 Local/state laws, ordinances, and policies for a healthy community
	8.4 Impact of participation and engagement within the community
	8.5 Global health issues
Consumer	8.1 Validity of information on health care products and services
Health	8.2 Adolescent health care product information
	8.3 Interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on health choices (budgeting, culture, SES, etc.)
	8.4 Informed consumer choices regarding health
	8.5 Seek reliable consumer health advice
	8.6 Importance of local and state health policies
Environmental	8.1 Personal responsibility for community environmental issues
Health	8.2 Reduce, reuse, recycle, and alternatives
	8.3 Types and effects of pollution
	8.4 Environmental influences on health
	8.5 Local and state environmental issues
	8.6 Laws, ordinances, and policies
Human	8.1 Changes during puberty
Sexuality and	8.2 Refusal skills
Relationships	8.3 Responsible behaviors within relationships (communication, abstinence, etc.)
	8.4 Male and female reproductive systems
	8.5 Potential outcomes of sexual activity
	8.6 Seeking reliable adult advice regarding relationships, dating, and sexual activity
	8.7 Laws associated with sexual behaviors (consent, harassment, assault, rape, etc.)

Injury	8.1 Basic first aid skills (including bloodborne pathogens)		
Prevention and	8.2 Injury prevention at home, school and community		
	8.3 Prevention for sports, physical activity and recreation related injury		
Safety	8.4 Resources for safety and injury prevention and response (school, work, community, home, etc.)		
	8.5 Intentional and unintentional injury		
	8.6 Prevention and response to physical violence (guns and/or weapons and bullying)		
	8.7 Prevention and response to mental violence (bullying and abuse)		
	8.8 Prevention and response to sexual violence (harassment, assault, rape, and abuse)		
	8.9 Prevention and response to social violence (relationships, conflict resolution, and cyber)		
	8.10 Media safety (social media, cyber, TV, music, advertising, etc.)		
	8.11 Weather related safety (supplies, shelter, etc.)		
Mental and	8.1 Importance of expressing emotions in a productive and healthy manner		
Emotional 8.2 Character development			
Health	8.3 Mental health terminology		
	8.4 Stress management and coping skills		
	8.5 Coping with loss and grief		
	8.6 Characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships		
	8.7 Relationship between body image and self-esteem		
	8.8 Impact of media on self-esteem		
	8.9 Bullying/harassment prevention		
Nutrition	8.1 Nutritional needs through stages of development		
	8.2 Meal planning and budgeting		
	8.3 Safe storage and food handling		
	8.4 Nutritional goals		
	8.5 Community nutrition efforts		
	8.6 Food labels		
	8.7 Eating disorders/dysfunctions		
	8.8 Dietary guidelines		
	8.9 Establishing and maintaining healthy eating practices		

	8.10 Factors in weight control		
	8.11 Food packaging and advertising		
	8.12 Nutritional supplements		
	8.13 Impact of food choices		
Personal	8.1 Major body systems, anatomy, functions, relationships between systems		
Health	8.2 Proper adolescent hygiene habits		
	8.3 Purpose, examples, and benefits of daily exercise		
	8.4 Importance and strategies to seek personal health care		
	8.5 Develop positive relationships		
	8.6 Recommended sleep amounts		
Prevention &	8.1 Disease prevention skills		
Control of	8.2 Common causes of death, illness and disorders		
Disease	8.3 Communicable and noncommunicable diseases		
Disease	8.4 Medical resources, health screenings and treatment methods for disease		
	8.5 Relationship between lifestyle choices and disease prevention		
	8.6 Differences between bacterial, viral and fungal infections		
	8.7 Structure/function of the immune system		
Substance Use	8.1 Effects and consequences of nicotine use (all forms)		
and Abuse &	8.2 Effects and consequences of alcohol use		
Addiction	8.3 Effects and consequences of illegal drug use		
Addiction	8.4 Cumulative risk behaviors (patterns, gateway drugs, etc.)		
	8.5 Correct use, misuse and abuse of drug		
	8.6 Categories of drugs (ex. stimulants, opiates, depressants, hallucinogens, etc.)		
	8.7 Addiction and tolerance		
	8.8 Addictive substances and effects on all dimensions of health		
	8.9 Media, social influences, and peer pressure of drug usage		
	8.10 Rules and laws for medicines and drugs		
	8.11 Safe alternatives to medicine		
	8.12 Treatment, intervention and prevention of drug overdose, dependency, and abuse		

Kansas Health Education Standards Content Standards for 9-12

Grade Level	Benchmark: The students will know, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize and/or evaluate:	
Community	12.1 Local community needs/issues/events	
Health	12.2 Local/state laws, ordinances, and policies for a healthy community	
	12.3 Value of community interactions	
	12.4 Strategies to maintain a healthy community	
	12.5 Personal service for the betterment of the community	
	12.6 Global health issues	
Consumer	12.1 Availability and accessibility of health-care services	
Health	12.2 Adolescent health-care products and services	
	12.3 Interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on health choices (budgeting, culture, SES, etc.)	
	12.4 Characteristics of informed consumers	
	12.5 Seek reliable advice regarding consumer health choices	
	12.6 Role of media in disseminating health information	
	12.7 Basic health insurance terminology	
Environmental	12.1 Personal responsibility for community environmental issues	
Health	12.2 Reduce, reuse, recycle and alternatives	
	12.3 Relationship between environment, disease, and health	
	12.4 Local, state, and global environmental issues	
	12.5 Laws, ordinances, and policies	
Human	12.1 Adapting to changes associated with puberty	
Sexuality and	12.2 Adapting to change within the family	
Relationships	12.3 Changing responsibilities from adolescence to adulthood	

	12.4 Responsible behaviors within relationships (communication, abstinence, etc.)			
	12.5 Potential outcomes of sexual activity (STIs, pregnancy, etc.)			
	12.6 Impact of media and technology on sexual behaviors			
	12.7 Laws associated with sexual behaviors (consent, harassment, assault, rape, human trafficking, etc.)			
	12.8 Differences between individual, family, culture, community, and global values			
Injury	12.1 Basic first aid skills			
Prevention and	12.2 Demonstrate and perform CPR/AED procedures according to current and nationally recognized guidelines			
Safety	12.3 Resources to prevent and avoid violence			
Saicty	12.4 Prevention and response to physical violence (guns and/or weapons and bullying)			
	12.5 Prevention and response to mental violence (bullying and abuse)			
	12.6 Prevention and response to social violence (relationships, conflict resolution, and cyber)			
	12.7 Prevention and response to sexual violence (harassment, assault, rape, and abuse)			
	12.8 Media safety (social media, cyber, TV, music, advertising, etc.)			
	12.9 Causes of conflict and non-violent conflict resolutions			
	12.10 Consequences of violence (school policies, laws, etc.)			
Mental and	12.1 Importance of expressing emotions in a productive and healthy manner			
Emotional	12.2 Mental illnesses			
Health	12.3 Stigmas associated with mental illness			
	12.4 Avoiding negative self-talk, self-harm, and suicide			
	12.5 Coping skills (grief, stress, depression, bullying, anxiety, etc.)			
	12.6 Characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships			
	12.7 Healthy versus unhealthy body image			
Nutrition	12.1 Nutritional needs through stages of development			
	12.2 Meal planning and budgeting			
	12.3 Food safety			
	12.4 Nutritional value of foods			
	12.5 Cultural and ethnic food choices			
	12.6 Food labels			

	12.7 Eating disorders/dysfunctions			
	12.8 Healthy eating patterns			
	12.9 Essential nutrients			
	12.10 Performance enhancing beverages/supplements			
	12.11 Impact of food choices			
Personal	12.1 Major body systems, anatomy, functions, relationships between systems and connection to disease			
Health	12.2 Proper adolescent hygiene habits			
	12.3 Leading causes of death and risk behaviors			
	12.4 Traits and skills of lifelong learners			
	12.5 Components of wellness			
Prevention &	12.1 Disease prevention skills			
Control of	12.2 Common causes of diseases, illness and disorders			
Disease	12.3 Influence of heredity and diseases			
	12.4 Medical resources, health screenings and treatment methods for disease			
	12.5 Relationship between lifestyle choices and disease prevention			
	12.6 Current healthcare issues			
Substance Use	12.1 Effects and consequences of nicotine use (all forms)			
and Abuse &	12.2 Effects and consequences of alcohol use			
Addiction	12.3 Effects and consequences of illegal drug use			
	12.4 Categories of drugs (ex. stimulants, opiates, depressants, hallucinogens, etc.)			
	12.5 Cumulative risk behaviors (patterns, gateway drugs, etc.)			
	12.6 Unsafe situations involving drugs, including alcohol			
	12.7 Helpful and harmful use of prescription and non-prescription drugs			
	12.8 Strategies to resist peer pressure to engage in substance abuse			
	12.9 Media, social influences, and societal pressure of drug usage			
	12.10 Rules and laws for medicines and drugs			
	12.11 Safe alternatives to medicine			
	12.12 Government policies and global issues in drug trends			

Sample Opt-In Letter

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Course:	'l'eacher(s):		
School:	Phone:		
Dear Parent/Guardian:			
	nrolled in a course that includes information on puberty and human sexuality education. If you wou cher before signing this form, call or email the teacher immediately to set up a conference time.	ıld like	
signed form from every student's parent/gua	t-out letters you may have worked with before, in this or other school districts. The school must have dian indicating that the student has permission to participate in the human sexuality curriculum. Facuus ans the student will attend study hall and will not attend class sessions which are identified as address.	ailure of	
	the puberty and human sexuality education, please indicate so by providing your child's name, placi lating the form. By so doing, you are giving permission for your child to receive information on pube	_	
Student's Name:			
I GRANT permission for my child to	participate in the puberty and human sexuality education.		
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:		
Please sig	and return this form to the school on or before (date set by school).		
Sample Opt-Out Letter			

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Course:	
School:	_ Phone:
Dear Parent/Guardian:	
	ncludes information on puberty and human sexuality education. If you would like form, call or email the teacher immediately to set up a conference time.
	nan sexuality education, please indicate so by providing your child's name, placing a bing, your child will attend study hall and will not attend class sessions which are
Student's Name:	
I DO NOT grant permission for my child to participate in the p	puberty and human sexuality education.
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

Please sign and return this form to the school on or before (date set by school).