

**High School Health Education TEKS
addressed by Worth the Wait[®] Curriculum**

§115.32. Health 1, Grades 9-10 (One-Half Credit).

(a) Introduction.

(1) In health education, students acquire the health information and skills necessary to become healthy adults and learn about behaviors in which they should and should not participate. To achieve that goal, students will understand the following: students should first seek guidance in the area of health from their parents; personal behaviors can increase or reduce health risks throughout the lifespan; health is influenced by a variety of factors; students can recognize and utilize health information and products; and personal/interpersonal skills are needed to promote individual, family, and community health.

(2) In Health 1, students develop skills that will make them health-literate adults. Students gain a deeper understanding of the knowledge and behaviors they use to safeguard their health, particularly pertaining to health risks. Students are taught how to access accurate information that they can use to promote health for themselves and others. Students use problem-solving, research, goal-setting and communication skills to protect their health and that of the community.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Health information. The student analyzes health information and applies strategies for enhancing and maintaining personal health throughout the life span. The student is expected to:

- (A) relate the nation's health goals and objectives to individual, family, and community health;
- (B) examine the relationship among body composition, diet, and fitness;
- (C) explain the relationship between nutrition, quality of life, and disease;
- (D) describe the causes, symptoms, and treatment of eating disorders;
- (G) analyze strategies to prevent suicides;
- (H) examine causes and effects of stress and develop strategies for managing stress and coping with anxiety and depression; and
- (I) describe the importance of taking responsibility for establishing and implementing health maintenance for individuals and family members of all ages.

(2) Health information. The student is health literate in disease prevention and health promotion throughout the life span. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze the relationship between health promotion and disease prevention;
- (B) analyze the influence of laws, policies, and practices on health-related issues including those related to disease prevention;
- (C) identify, describe, and assess available health-related services in the community that relate to disease prevention and health promotion; and
- (D) develop and analyze strategies related to the prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

(3) Health information. The student recognizes the importance and significance of the reproductive process as it relates to the health of future generations. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain fetal development from conception through pregnancy and birth;
- (B) explain the importance of the role of prenatal care and proper nutrition in promoting optimal health for both the baby and the mother such as breast feeding;
- (C) analyze the harmful effects of certain substances on the fetus such as alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and environmental hazards such as lead; and
- (D) explain the significance of genetics and its role in fetal development.

(4) Health information. The student investigates and evaluates the impact of media and technology on individual, family, community, and world health. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze the health messages delivered through media and technology; and
- (B) explain how technology has impacted the health status of individuals, families, communities, and the world.

(5) Health information. The student understands how to evaluate health information for appropriateness. The student is expected to:

- (A) develop evaluation criteria for health information;
- (B) demonstrate ways to utilize criteria to evaluate health information for appropriateness;
- (C) discuss the legal implications regarding sexual activity as it relates to minor persons; and
- (D) demonstrate decision-making skills based on health information.

(6) Health behaviors. The student assesses the relationship between body structure and function and personal health throughout the life span. The student is expected to:

- (A) examine the effects of health behaviors on body systems;
- (B) relate the importance of early detection and warning signs that prompt individuals of all ages to seek health care; and
- (C) appraise the significance of body changes occurring during adolescence.

(7) Health behaviors. The student analyzes the relationship between unsafe behaviors and personal health and develops strategies to promote resiliency throughout the life span. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances such as physical, mental, social, and legal consequences;
- (B) explain the relationship between alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and other substances used by adolescents and the role these substances play in unsafe situations such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD), unplanned pregnancies, and motor vehicle accidents;
- (C) develop strategies for preventing use of tobacco, alcohol, and other addictive substances;
- (D) analyze the importance of alternatives to drug and substance use;
- (E) analyze and apply strategies for avoiding violence, gangs, weapons, and drugs;
- (G) analyze the relationship between the use of refusal skills and the avoidance of unsafe situations such as sexual abstinence;
- (H) analyze the importance and benefits of abstinence as it relates to emotional health and the prevention of pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases;
- (I) analyze the effectiveness and ineffectiveness of barrier protection and other contraceptive methods including the prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), keeping in mind the effectiveness of remaining abstinent until marriage;
- (J) analyze the importance of healthy strategies that prevent physical, sexual, and emotional abuse such as date rape;
- (K) analyze the importance of abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relationship to all sexual activity for unmarried persons of school age; and
- (L) discuss abstinence from sexual activity as the only method that is 100% effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and the sexual transmission of HIV or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity.

(8) Influencing factors. The student analyzes the effect of relationships on health behaviors. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate positive and negative effects of various relationships on physical and emotional health such as peers, family, and friends; and

(B) explain the benefits of positive relationships among community health professionals in promoting a healthy community.

(9) Influencing factors. The student differentiates between positive and negative family influences. The student is expected to:

(A) describe the roles of parents, grandparents, and other family members in promoting a healthy family; and

(B) analyze the dynamics of family roles and responsibilities relating to health behavior.

(10) Influencing factors. The student evaluates the effect of a variety of environmental factors on community and world health. The student is expected to:

(A) assess the impact of population and economy on community and world health;

(13) Personal/interpersonal skills. The student analyzes, designs, and evaluates communication skills for building and maintaining healthy relationships throughout the life span. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate communication skills in building and maintaining healthy relationships;

(B) distinguish between a dating relationship and a marriage;

(C) analyze behavior in a dating relationship that will enhance the dignity, respect, and responsibility relating to marriage;

(D) evaluate the effectiveness of conflict resolution techniques in various situations;

(E) demonstrate refusal strategies;

(F) explore methods for addressing critical-health issues; and

(G) evaluate the dynamics of social groups.

(14) Personal/interpersonal skills. The student analyzes, designs, and evaluates strategies for expressing needs, wants, and emotions in healthy ways. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate strategies for communicating needs, wants, and emotions;

(B) examine the legal and ethical ramifications of unacceptable behaviors such as harassment, acquaintance rape, and sexual abuse; and

(C) communicate the importance of practicing abstinence.

(15) Personal/interpersonal skills. The student appraises communication skills that show consideration and respect for self, family, friends, and others. The student is expected to:

(A) apply communication skills that demonstrate consideration and respect for self, family, and others;

(B) demonstrate empathy towards others; and

(C) analyze ways to show disapproval of inconsiderate and disrespectful behavior.

(16) Personal/interpersonal skills. The student synthesizes information and applies critical-thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving skills for making health-promoting decisions throughout the life span. The student is expected to:

(A) identify decision-making skills that promote individual, family, and community health;

(B) summarize the advantages of seeking advice and feedback regarding the use of decision-making and problem-solving skills;

(C) classify forms of communication such as passive, aggressive, or assertive; and

(D) associate risk-taking with consequences such as drinking and driving.

(17) Personal/interpersonal skills. The student applies strategies for advocating and evaluating outcomes for health issues. The student is expected to:

(A) research information about a personal health concern;

(B) demonstrate knowledge about personal and family health concerns; and

(C) develop strategies to evaluate information relating to a variety of critical health issues.

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