Kentucky Academic Standards for High School Health Education Aligned with National Health Education Standards Kentucky Department of Education

*The National Health Education Standards (NHES) are provided by the Joint Committee on National Health Education Standards and have been aligned to the corresponding Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS).

••The Kentucky Academic Standards are being provided with the codes that are aligned in the Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS).

National Health Education Standards

Standard 1:

Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention to enhance health.

Standard 2:

Students will analyze the influence of family, peers, culture, media, technology, and other factors on health behaviors.

Standard 3:

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

Standard 4:

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

Standard 5:

Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health.

Standard 6:

Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health

Standard 7:

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

Standard 8:

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

Kentucky Academic Standards

High School (9-12)

1.PL-H-PW: Personal Wellness (Health Education)

Big Idea:

Wellness is maximum well-being, or total health. Personal Wellness is a combination of physical, mental, emotional, spiritual and social well-being. It involves making choices and decisions each day that promote an individual's physical well-being, the prevention of illnesses and diseases, and the ability to remain, physically, mentally, spiritually, socially and emotionally healthy.

Academic Expectations

- **2.29** Students demonstrate skills that promote individual well-being and healthy family relationships.
- **2.31** Students demonstrate the knowledge and skills they need to remain physically healthy and to accept responsibility for their own physical well-being.
- 2.32 Students demonstrate strategies for becoming and remaining mentally and emotionally healthy.
- **3.2** Students demonstrate the ability to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- **4.1** Students effectively use interpersonal skills.
- **4.4** Students demonstrate the ability to accept the rights and responsibilities for self and others.
- **5.1** Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.
- **5.4** Students use a decision-making process to make informed decisions among options.

A.PL-H-PW-U: Enduring Knowledge – Understandings

Students will understand that	*NHES
PL-H-PW-U-1:	8
individuals have a responsibility to advocate for personal, family and community health.	
PL-H-PW-U-2:	4
inter and intrapersonal communication skills are needed to enhance individual well-being and healthy	
relationships.	
PL-H-PW-U-3:	1
physical, social, emotional and mental changes occur during adolescence and throughout life.	
PL-H-PW-U-4:	5
decisions regarding sexuality have short and long term consequences and responsibilities.	
PL-H-PW-U-5:	1
the environment, lifestyle, family history, peers and other factors impact physical, social, mental and	
emotional health.	
PL-H-PW-U-6:	2
culture, values (e.g., individual, family and community) media and use of technology (e.g., television,	
computers, MP3 Players, electronic/arcade games) can influence personal behavioral choices.	
PL-H-PW-U-7:	1
behavioral choices affect physical, mental, emotional and social well-being and can have positive or	
negative consequences on one's health.	
PL-H-PW-U-8:	7
positive health habits can help prevent injuries and spreading of diseases to self and others.	
PL-H-PW-U-9:	7
self-management and coping strategies can enhance mental and emotional health.	
PL-H-PW-U-10:	3
a variety of resources are available to inform, treat and counsel individuals with physical, mental, social	
and emotional health needs.	

B.PL-H-PW-S: Skills and Concepts – Personal and Physical Health

Students will understand	*NHES
PL-H-PW-S-PPH1:	5, 7
understand the importance of assuming responsibility for personal health behaviors by:	
PL-H-PW-S-PPH1.a:	5
predicting how decisions regarding health behaviors have consequences for self and others	
PL-H-PW-S-PPH1.b:	7
explaining how body system functions can be maintained and improved (e.g., exercise, nutrition,	
safety)	
PL-H-PW-S-PPH1.c:	5
explaining how decision-making relates to responsible sexual behavior (e.g., abstinence,	
preventing pregnancy, preventing HIV/STDs), impacts physical, mental and social well-being	
of an individual	
PL-H-PW-S-PPH2:	5, 6
apply goal-setting and decision-making skills in developing, implementing and evaluating a personal	
wellness plan	
PL-H-PW-S-PPH3:	3, 4
evaluate the effectiveness of communication methods for expressing accurate health information and	
ideas	
PL-H-PW-S-PPH4:	7
evaluate how an individual's behaviors and choices of diet, exercise and rest affect the body	

C.PL-H-PW-S-GD: Skills and Concepts – Growth and Development

Students will	*NHES
PL-H-PW-S-GD1:	1
explain basic structures and functions of the reproductive system as it relates to the human life cycle	
(e.g., conception, birth, childhood, adolescence, adulthood)	

D.PL-H-PW-S-SMEH: Skills and Concepts – Social, Mental and Emotional Health

Students will demonstrate social interaction skills by:	*NHES
PL-H-PW-S-SMEH1:	4, 5, 6, 7
demonstrate social interaction skills by:	, , ,
PL-H-PW-S-SMEH1.a:	4, 7
identifying and utilizing management techniques needed for dealing with intrapersonal and	
interpersonal relationships throughout life	
PL-H-PW-S-SMEH1.b:	4
using and explaining the importance of effective social interaction skills (e.g., respect, self-	
advocacy, cooperation, communication, identifying different perspectives and points of view,	
empathy, friendship)	
PL-H-PW-S-SMEH1.c:	5
recommending and justifying effective strategies (e.g., problem solving, decision making,	
refusal skills, anger management, conflict resolution) for responding to stress, conflict, peer	
pressure and bullying	
PL-H-PW-S-SMEH1.d:	5, 6
identifying and explaining changes in roles, responsibilities and skills needed to effectively work	
in groups throughout life (e.g., setting realistic goals, time and task management, planning,	
decision- making process, perseverance)	
PL-H-PW-S-SMEH2:	5, 6
recommend and justify effective self-management and coping strategies (e.g., setting realistic goals,	
time, task and stress management, decision making, learning style preference, perseverance) for	
maintaining mental and emotional health	

PL-H-PW-S-SMEH3:	5, 7
demonstrate the ability to use various strategies when making decisions related to health needs and risks	
of young adults	
PL-H-PW-S-SMEH4:	4
demonstrate refusal, negotiation and collaboration skills to use in avoiding potential harmful situations	

E.PL-H-PW-S-FCH: Skills and Concepts – Family and Community Health

Students will	*NHES
PL-H-PW-S-FCH1:	3
access and use a variety of resources from home, school and community that provide valid health	
information	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH2:	2
understand and analyze how personal, family and community health can be influenced and challenged	
by:	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH2.a:	2
family traditions/values	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH2.b:	2
peer pressure	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH2.c:	2
technology and media messages	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH2.d:	2
cultural beliefs and diversity	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH2.e:	2
interrelationships between environmental factors and community health	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH3:	3
use print and non-print sources to:	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH3.a:	3
analyze how the prevention and the control of health problems are influenced by research and	
medical advances	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH3.b:	3
investigate the role of health care providers in disease prevention	
PL-H-PW-S-FCH3.c:	3
analyze how public health policies and government regulations influence health promotion and	
disease prevention	

F.PL-H-PW-S-DP: Skills and Concepts – Communicable, Non-Communicable and Chronic Diseases Prevention *NHES

Students witt	TNHES
PL-H-PW-S-DP1:	1
demonstrate an understanding of diseases by:	
PL-H-PW-S-DP1.a:	1
describing symptoms, causes, patterns of transmission, prevention and treatments of	
communicable diseases (colds, flu, mononucleosis, hepatitis, HIV/STD, tuberculosis)	
PL-H-PW-S-DP1.b:	1
describing symptoms, causes, patterns of transmission, prevention and treatments of non-	
communicable diseases (cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, emphysema)	
PL-H-PW-S-DP2:	1
explore family history, environment, lifestyle and other risk factors related to the cause or prevention of	
disease and other health problems	
PL-H-PW-S-DP3:	7
demonstrate an understanding of how to maintain a healthy body by:	
PL-H-PW-S-DP3.a:	7
analyzing the impact of personal health behaviors on the functioning of body systems	

PL-H-PW-S-DP3.b:	7
analyzing how behavior can impact health maintenance and disease prevention during	
adolescence and adulthood	

G.PL-H-PW-S-ATOD: Skills and Concepts – Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

Students will:	*NHES
PL-H-PW-S-ATOD1:	1
demonstrate an understanding of the use and misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by:	
PL-H-PW-S-ATOD1.a:	1
distinguishing between legal (e.g., over the counter, prescription drugs) and illegal drugs (e.g.,	
inhalants, marijuana, stimulants, depressants) and describing how their usage affects the body	
systems	
PL-H-PW-S-ATOD1.b:	1
predicting the immediate/long-term effects of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drug usage and	
analyzing the impact on an individual's health	
PL-H-PW-S-ATOD1.c:	1
recommending interventions (e.g., cease enabling activities), treatments (e.g., AA, outpatient	
therapy, group therapy) and other strategies (e.g., enhancing self esteem, building skills for	
success) as forms of help for negative behaviors or addictions (e.g., drug addictions, eating	
disorders)	

2.PL-H-N: Nutrition (Health Education)

Big Idea:

Proper nutrition is critical to good health. To maintain a healthy weight, good dietary habits and physical activity are essential. Nutritious foods are necessary for growth, development and maintenance of healthy bodies.

Academic Expectations

- 2.30 Students evaluate consumer products and services and make effective consumer decisions.
- **2.31** Students demonstrate the knowledge and skills they need to remain physically healthy and to accept responsibility for their own physical well-being.
- **3.2** Students demonstrate the ability to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- **3.5** Students will demonstrate self-control and self-discipline.
- **5.1** Students use critical thinking skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating, and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations.
- **5.4** Students use a decision-making process to make informed decisions among options.

A.PL-H-N-U: Enduring Knowledge – Understandings

Students will understand that

PL-H-N-U-1:	5
nutritional choices affect an individual's physical, mental, emotional and social well being.	
PL-H-N-U-2:	1
nutrients have a role in the development of an individual's health.	
PL-H-N-U-3:	3
resources (e.g., Food Guide Pyramid, Dietary Guidelines for Americans, United States Department of	
Agriculture (USDA), National Dairy Council) are available to assist in making nutritional choices.	
PL-H-N-U-4:	2
individuals, families and community values influence nutritional choices.	

B.PL-H-N-S: Skills and Concepts

Students will	*NHES	
PL-H-N-S-1:	3, 7	
create meal plans utilizing print and non-print resources (e.g., Food Guide Pyramid (FGP), Dietary		
Guidelines for Americans, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Dairy council)		

PL-H-N-S-2:	7
evaluate healthy nutritional practices (e.g., meal planning, food selection, reading labels, weight control,	
special nutritional needs) for a variety of dietary needs	
PL-H-N-S-3:	7
analyze and evaluate the positive and negative impact of food selections on maintaining and promoting	
health	
PL-H-N-S-4:	7
identify issues, problems and solutions related to extreme eating behaviors (overeating, obesity,	
anorexia, bulimia)	
PL-H-N-S-5:	2
analyze factors (e.g., geography, family, cultural background, convenience, cost, advertising, friends,	
personal taste) that influence healthy food choices	
PL-H-N-S-6:	1,7
evaluate the role of nutrients and food sources in the growth and development of healthy bodies	
PL-H-N-S-7:	3
evaluate nutritional resources from home, school and community that provide valid health information	

3.PL-H-S: Safety (Health Education)

Big Idea:

Accidents are a major cause of injury and death to children and adolescents. Unintentional injuries involving motor vehicles, falls, drowning, fires, firearms, and poisons can occur at home, school and work. Safe behavior protects a person from danger and lessens the effects of harmful situations.

Academic Expectations

- **2.31** Students demonstrate the knowledge and skills they need to remain physically healthy and to accept responsibility for their own physical well-being
- 2.33 Students demonstrate the skills to evaluate and use services and resources available in their community
- 3.2 Students will demonstrate the ability to maintain a healthy lifestyle
- **4.3** Students individually demonstrate consistent, responsive and caring behavior
- **4.4** Students demonstrate the ability to accept the rights and responsibilities for self and others
- **5.1** Students use skills such as analyzing, prioritizing, categorizing, evaluating and comparing to solve a variety of problems in real-life situations
- 5.4 Students use a decision-making process to make informed decisions among-options

A.PL-H-S-U: Enduring Knowledge – Understandings

Students will understand that	*NHES
PL-H-S-U-1:	1
safety practices and procedures help to prevent injuries and provide a safe environment.	
PL-H-S-U-2:	3
community, state, federal and international resources are available to assist in hazardous situations.	
PL-H-S-U-3:	1
proper procedures must be used in emergency situations.	

B.PL-H-S-S: Skills and Concepts

Students will	*NHES
PL-H-S-S-1:	7
analyze how responsible use of machinery and motorized vehicles (e.g., all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle,	
automobile, personal watercraft) and firearms reduce the risk of accidents and save lives	
PL-H-S-S-2:	1
identify and describe potential hazards in home and schools and explain how to prevent injuries	
PL-H-S-S-3:	1
identify components of safety needed in developing a personal plan for emergency situations (e.g.,	
weather, fire, tornado, lock down) at home or school	

PL-H-S-S-4:	7
demonstrate proper first-aid procedures (e.g., CPR/rescue breathing) for responding to emergency	
situations (e.g., falls, drowning, choking, bleeding, shock, poisons, burns, temperature-related	
emergencies, allergic reactions, broken bones, overdose, heart attacks, seizures) and explain how they	
help reduce the severity of injuries and save lives	
PL-H-S-S-5:	4
demonstrate refusal, negotiation and collaboration skills needed to avoid potentially harmful situations	
PL-H-S-S-6:	3
identify and access the available local, state, federal and international health and safety agencies (e.g.,	
World Health Organization, Peace Corp, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Armed	
Forces) and explain the services they provide	
PL-H-S-S-7:	3, 7
use reliable safety resources and guidelines to help in avoiding injuries and dangerous situations (e.g.,	
internet use, vehicles, firearms, watercraft)	
PL-H-S-S-8:	4
demonstrate communications skills needed in emergency situations	
PL-H-S-S-9:	1
explain safety practices needed when assuming responsibilities (e.g., child care, house-sitting, elderly	
care, pet care) in caring for animals, property and other individuals	

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