

Washington Township School District



The mission of the Washington Township Public Schools is to provide a safe, positive, and progressive educational environment that provides opportunity for all students to attain the knowledge and skills specified in the NJ Learning Standards at all grade levels, so as to ensure their full participation in an ever-changing world as responsible, self-directed and civic-minded citizens.

Course Title:	Health				
Grade Level(s):	6				
Duration:	Full Year:		Semester:	Marking Period:	X
Course Description:	This is a quarter course designed to provide information on how to achieve and maintain healthy body systems during the developing years of a healthy adolescence life. Units of study include life skills, in the development of relationships during adolescence, body systems, nutrition, first aid and safety, and related drug and alcohol education.				
Grading Procedures:	70% Summative				
	30% Supportive				
Primary Resources:	NJSLS for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education				
	www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/2014/chpe/syandards.pdf				
	Comprehensive Health Skills for Middle School Textbook				
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Washington Township Principles for Effective Teaching and Learning

- Implementing a standards-based curriculum
- Facilitating a learner-centered environment
- Using academic target language and providing comprehensible instruction
- Adapting and using age-appropriate authentic materials
- Providing performance-based assessment experiences
- Infusing 21st century skills for College and Career Readiness in a global society

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Unit Title: Wellness

Unit Description: Health, Wellness, First Aid and Safety

In this introductory unit of study, students will understand that staying healthy is a lifelong process that includes all dimensions of health and wellness.

Unit Duration: 2 weeks

Desired Results

Standard(s):

2.1 Wellness: All students will acquire health promotion concepts and skills to support a healthy, active lifestyle.

Indicator(s):

2.1.8.PGD.1: Explain how appropriate health care can promote personal health.

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

2.1.8.PGD.2: Analyze how genetics and family history can impact personal health.

2.1.8.EH.1: Compare and contrast stress management strategies that are used to address various types of stressinduced 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.

2.1.8.SSH.3: Demonstrate communication skills that will support healthy relationships.

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

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.

2.1.5.EH.1: Discuss the impact of one's feelings and thoughts that lead to healthy and unhealthy behaviors.

2.1.5.EH.2: Explain how to cope with rejection, loss, difficult learning situations and/or separation from family or others.

2.1.5.EH.3: Identify different feelings and emotions that people may experience and how they

might express these emotions (e.g., anger, fear, happiness, sadness, hopelessness, anxiety).

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Understandings: Students will understand that Current and future personal wellness is dependent upon applying health-related concepts and skills in everyday lifestyle behaviors.	 Essential Questions: 1. What are the three parts of health? 2. What is the difference between health and wellness? 3. How do your emotions affect your physical and overall health? 4. How does your everall health affect your emotions? 		
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Assessme	nt Evidence		
 Performance Task: Students will be able to define Health and Wellness Students will recognize factors that affect health and wellness Students will build skills for Health and Wellness Students will understand the importance of sleep, common sleep problems, and develop strategies for getting enough sleep Students will evolve an understanding of emotions and stress management Students will recognize the importance home safety 	 Other Evidence: Informal Checks/ for Understanding: Accuracy and thoroughness of student notes, study guides, and graphic organizers will demonstrate informal evidence of concept(s) processing. Formative Assessment: Lesson closure monitoring levels of understanding via on-going student-teacher conferences and student interactive rubrics. Teacher Observation/ Student Discussion: Informal evidence of concept processing and skill development will be made through teacher observation of the frequency and 		

 Students will summarize basic First Aid 	sophistication of students' contributions to critical questioning.
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4.0	 Students will be able to: Explain how health data can be used to assess and improve each dimension of personal wellness
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	fying unsafe situations and choosing appropriate ways to reduce or eliminate risks contributes to the of self and others.
4.0	 Students will be able to: Analyze the connection between decision making, goal setting, and its connection to intentional and unintentional injuries.
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Unit Title: Growth and Development

Unit Description: Adolescence, puberty, skeletal system, muscular system, digestive system and nervous system.

Within this unit of study, students will understand the changes that occur during adolescence and puberty. Emphasis will be placed on physical, social and emotional growth and development within the human body.

Unit Duration: 2 weeks

Desired Results

Standard(s):

2.1 Wellness: All students will acquire health promotion concepts and skills to support a healthy active lifestyle.

2.4 Human Relationships and Sexuality: All students will acquire knowledge about the physical, emotional, and social aspects of human relationships and sexuality and apply these concepts to support a healthy, active lifestyle.

Indicator(s):

2.1.5.PGD.2: Examine how the body changes during puberty and how these changes

influence personal self-care.

2.1.5.PGD.3: Explain the physical, social, and emotional changes that occur during puberty

and adolescence and why the onset and progression of puberty can vary.

2.1.5.PGD.4: Explain common human sexual development and the role of hormones (e.g.,

romantic and sexual feelings, masturbation, mood swings, timing of pubertal onset).

2.1.5.PGD.5: Identify trusted adults, including family members, caregivers, school staff, and

health care professionals, whom students can talk to about relationships and ask questions about puberty and adolescent health.

2.1.2.PGD.4: Use correct terminology to identify body parts and explain how body parts work together to support wellness

Understandings:	Essential Questions:
Students will understand that	
During adolescence you experience many physical, mental, emotional and social changes.	 What is puberty? What are 3 physical changes males and females experience? What are 3 examples of how to express strong emotions
The purpose for these changes is to prepare you to be an adult.	3. What are 3 examples of how to express strong emotions in a healthy way?

Assessme	nt Evidence
Performance Task: Students will be able to	Other Evidence:
 Describe the physical changes that occur in males during puberty. Explain the physical changes that occur in females during puberty 	• Informal Checks/ for Understanding: Accuracy and thoroughness of student notes, study guides, and graphic organizers will demonstrate informal evidence of concept(s processing.
 Summarize the intellectual emotional and social growth and development that occurs during adolescence. 	• Formative Assessment: Lesson closure monitoring levels of understanding via on-going student-teacher conferences and student interactive rubrics.
 Identify common health and wellness issues that affect adolescents. Describe the structures of the integumentary system and what they do. Describe the parts of the skeletal system and what they do. 	• Teacher Observation/ Student Discussion: Informal evidence of concept processing and skill development will be made through teacher observation of the frequency and sophistication of students' contributions to critical questioning.
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4.0	 Students will be able to: Connect the levels of body structure: cells, tissues, organs and body systems. Analyze the functions of each body system.
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2.0	Students will be able to: • Label organs and define functions.
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•	2.4.6.B.1 Compare growth patterns of males and females during adolescence.
4.0	Students will be able to:
	 Compare the impact of genetics, family history, personal health practices, and environment on personal growth.
3.0	Students will be able to:
	Compare changes during adolescence.
2.0	Students will be able to:
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Within this unit of study, students recognize how nutrition and physical fitness are related to overall health and wellness. Emphasis will be placed on getting enough nutrients, creating a healthy eating plan and managing your weight.

Unit Duration: 2 Weeks

Desired Results

Standard(s):

2.1 Wellness: All students will acquire health promotion concepts and skills to support a healthy, active lifestyle

Indicator(s):

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).

2.2.12.N.1: Compare and contrast the nutritional trends, eating habits, and the impact of marketing foods on adolescents and young adults nationally and worldwide.

2.2.12.N.2: Determine the relationship of nutrition and physical activity to weight loss, gain, and maintenance.

2.2.12.N.3: Analyze the unique contributions of each nutrient class (e.g., fats, carbohydrates, protein, water, vitamins, minerals) to one's health and fitness.

2.2.12.N.4: Implement strategies and monitor progress in achieving a personal nutritional health plan.

Standard(s):

2.6 Fitness: All students will apply health-related and skill-related fitness concepts and skills to develop and maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.

Indicator(s):

2.2.12.LF.3: Examine building to a level of fitness to successfully participate in a range of different physical activities during a lifetime.

Understandings:

Students will understand that...

Developing long term health habits are very important in the establishment of a life- long commitment to healthy living.

Essential Questions:

1. Name the 6 categories of nutrients and how they help you to stay healthy.

2. Explain how the food guide pyramid helps you to make nutritious choices.

Assessment Evidence			
 Performance Task: Students will be able to Identify the six types of nutrients. Explain the role of each nutrient in the body. Identify sources of each nutrient. Explain the key concepts from the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Demonstrate how to use the MyPlate food guidance system to plan a healthy diet. Determine steps to take to make healthy food choices. Identify healthy weight management strategies. 	Other Evidence: • Informal Checks/ for Understanding: Accuracy and thoroughness of student notes, study guides, and graphic organizers will demonstrate informal evidence of concept(s)		
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B. Nutrition

- 2.1.6.B.1 Determine factors that influence food choices and eating patterns.
- 2.1.6.B.2 Summarize the benefits and risks associated with nutritional choices, based on eating patterns.
- 2.1.6.B.3 Create a daily balanced nutritional meal plan based on nutritional content, value, calories, and cost.
- 2.1.6.B.4 Compare and contrast nutritional information on similar food products in order to make informed choices

	Choices.
4.0	Students will be able to:
	nalyze food labels.
	Prove the benefits of good nutrition.
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	Compare the food groups.
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2.6 Fitness: All students will apply health-related and skill-related fitness concepts and skills to develop and maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.

A. Fitness and Physical Activity

- 2.6.6.A.2 Determine to what extent various activities improve skill-related fitness versus health-related fitness.
- 2.6.6.A.5 Relate physical activity, healthy eating, and body composition to personal fitness and health.

4.0	Students will be able to:
	 Analyze effective fitness principles to enhance personal fitness level and overall health status.
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Unit Title: Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

Unit Description:

Within this unit of study, students will understand the strong relationship between individuals who abuse tobacco, alcohol and drugs and increased health risks.

Unit Duration: 2 Weeks

Desired Results

Standard(s):

2.3 Drugs and Medicines: All students will acquire knowledge about alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and medicines and apply these concepts to support a healthy, active lifestyle.

Indicator(s):

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.

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.

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

Understandings:	Essential Questions:
Students will understand that	
Use of vapes, tobacco, alcohol and drugs affects the body as well as the mind.	 What is the difference between legal and illegal drugs? Describe ways to avoid using vapes, drugs, tobacco and alcohol. List three healthy alternatives to using drugs.
Assessme	nt Evidence
Performance Task: Students will be able to	Other Evidence:
 Identify various forms of tobacco and the addictive substances in tobacco products. Assess the hazardous effects of tobacco. Analyze the effects of alcohol on the brain. Relate alcohol use to short term and long-term health consequences. 	 Informal Checks/ for Understanding: Accuracy and thoroughness of student notes, study guides, and graphic organizers will demonstrate informal evidence of concept(s) processing. Formative Assessment: Lesson closure monitoring
 Describe the short term and long-term health effects of illegal drugs. 	levels of understanding via on-going student-teacher conferences and student interactive rubrics.
 Explain why some young people use drugs. Describe the physical, mental, emotional and social consequences of drug abuse and addiction. 	• Teacher Observation/ Student Discussion: Informal evidence of concept processing and skill development will be made through teacher observation of the frequency and sophistication of students' contributions to critical questioning.
	• Teacher Created Quiz/Test: Formally measured evidence of outcomes and overall progress towards the New Jersey Student Learning Standards will be established via teacher- created quizzes and unit assessments.
	Teacher Created Project
	• Homework
	Classwork

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B. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

- 2.3.6.B.2 Relate tobacco use and the incidence of disease
- 2.3.6.B.4 Determine the impact of the use and abuse of alcohol on the incidence of illness, injuries, and disease, the increase of risky health behaviors, and the likelihood of harm to one's health.
- 2.3.6.B.5 Determine situations where the use of alcohol and other drugs influence decision-making and can place one at risk.

4.0	 Students will be able to: Analyze the relationship between individuals who abuse drugs and increased health risks.
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Unit Duration: 2 Weeks

Desired Results

Standard(s):

2.4 Human Relationships and Sexuality: All students will acquire knowledge about the physical, emotional, and social aspects of human relationships and sexuality and apply these concepts to support a healthy, active lifestyle.

Indicator(s):

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.

Understandings:	Essential Questions:
Students will understand that	
Friendships are important, characteristics of a good friend, and how to keep friendships strong is an important component in building healthy relationships There are different ways of communicating and how to speak clearly and listen carefully.	 Why are friendships important? What qualities does a good friend have? What is communication? Name 2 types of communication?

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