

Grade Level: Middle School		
GRADE 8 Topics	Health Standards As a result of the learning experiences provided, the learners will:	Resources
A. Mental Health	 Apply self-esteem building skills. Identify and analyze positive character traits. Describe how character traits influence decision making and consequences (positive/negative). Recognize examples of bullying behaviors. Identify strategies to deal with or prevent bullying actions. Recognize examples of sexually harassing behaviors including grooming. Analyze the harmful effects of stereotypes and cliques. Identify benefits of short and long-term goal setting. Name and describe the most common mental and emotional disorders. Describe the stages of the stress response Name positive stress management techniques and coping skills Recognize harmful ways people deal with stress (e.g., self-mutilation, drug abuse, suicide, eating disorders). Define what it means to be resilient. Identify various types of depression. Describe ways to cope with depression. Identify warning signs and prevention strategies of suicide. Name ways in which a person can seek help with depression or feelings of suicide. 	Textbook: Decisions for Health, Level Blue, Holt, 2009 ed. Videos: John Foppe: Self Esteem, Odd Girl Out (Bully/Harassment) Dr. Seuss: Sneetches (Cliques/Stereotypes), The Robert Beirer Story: A Deadly Secret (Suicide) Inner Voice (Eating Disorders) Understanding Anorexia and Bulimia, No Excuses: Sexual Harassment I was Cyberbullied Common Psychological disorders of Adolescence Other Resources: Syntero, School Counselors Literature: 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens (Sean Covey) Red Flags: Thick and Thin Signs of Suicide (SOS) District created resources Role play bullying scenarios

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Unit B: Nutrition	 Review food sources and functions of 6 nutrients groups. Discuss life-long healthy nutrition habits. List individual fitness and dietary guidelines based on Choose My Plate research and the impact on childhood obesity. Describe how the dietary guidelines are used to reduce cancer, diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, hypoglycemia, and obesity Recognize and analyze how media and peers influence personal diet and nutrition Identify why it is important to have a positive body image. 	Textbook: Decisions for Health, Level Blue, Holt, 2009 ed. Websites- ChooseMyPLate.gov Videos: THAT Sugar Film Fed Up-Documentary The Dangers of Sugar and Salt Dying to be thin District created resources
Unit C: Human Growth and Development	 Identify physical, mental and emotional changes that occur during puberty. Identify secondary sex (gender) characteristics. Identify the functions of the reproductive structures: male reproductive system, female reproductive system and the menstrual cycle. Explain the process of fertilization. Trace the development of a baby from conception to birth. Outline the stages of labor. Define reasons to practice abstinence why abstinence is the most responsible choice for teens to avoid teen pregnancy and parenthood. Identify harmful consequences of teen pregnancy. Identify permanent, artificial, and natural methods of contraceptives. Identify risks and failure rates associated with various methods of contraception. Understand sexual risks associated with sexually transmitted infections including symptoms, and treatment. Differentiate between a healthy and unhealthy dating relationship. Identify ways to prevent and protect against dating abuse and date rape. Discuss how a drug free lifestyle supports the decision not to be sexually active. 	Textbook: Decisions for Health, Level Blue, Holt, 2009 ed. Videos: Miracle of Life Daddy Consent is Like Tea, AIDS: One Teenagers Story When Dating Turns Dangerous Open Arms, Open Eyes (Dating Violence), Abstinence First: Version B, Caution: Teenager Under Construction, Pregnancy Decisions Website: Dating_violence Other resources: Health Centers, SMART Common Sense District created resources

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Unit D:

Substance Abuse

Explain the process of physiological and psychological addiction/dependency.

- 1. Recognize the risks associated with vaping/juuling.
- 2. Identify effects of drug use on decision making.
- 3. Identify effects of drug use on relationships.
- 4. Describe resistance skills one can utilize when feeling pressure to use alcohol, tobacco, opioids or other drugs.
- 5. Identify school district and community resources available for problems associated with drug use.
- 6. Identify the classification of drugs and analyze the effect of each on the human body.
 - a. Inhalants
 - b. Depressants
 - c. Stimulants
 - d. Hallucinogens
 - e. Opioids/narcotics/opiates
 - f. Club/designer drugs
 - g. Over-the-counter drugs prescription drugs
 - h. Performance enhancing drugs (e.g., steroids)
- 7. Name the health risks and diseases associated with tobacco
- 8. Describe factors that affect blood alcohol concentration/level (BAC/BAL).
- 9. Identify examples of alcohol abuse (i.e., binge drinking, alcoholism, underage drinking).
- 10. Discuss attitudes and misconceptions associated with the use of marijuana.
- 11. Identify harmful effects/risks of short-term and long-term use of recreational marijuana.
- 12. Identify possible uses of medical marijuana and differentiate between medical use and recreational use.

<u>Textbook</u>: Decisions for Health, Level Blue, Holt, 2009 ed.

Videos:

Everything You need to know about Drugs and the Teen Brain in 22 min.

Vaping: More Dangerous than you Think (HMR)

The Opiod Epidemic: How I became a Heroin Addict (HMR) Legal, But Deadly: Prescription

Drug Abuse, (HMR)

60min. Documentary: Heroin in the Heartland

The Overtaken Documentary (Prescription/Designer Drugs), Club Drug Video,

Websites:

DrugFreeWorld.org
Learn.Genetics- Utah University
Prescription Drug Abuse

Talk About RX

Prevent RX Abuse

Help students avoid RX drugabu

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RX to Heroin

VitalSigns heroin cdc

Teens drugabuse.gov

NIH teendrugabuse drugfacts epidemics

I didn't think it would happen to me, the truth about heroin

Other Resources: SRO

District created resources

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