Unit	Interpersonal Communication
<u>Big Ideas</u> What enduring understandings are essential for application to new situations within or beyond this	Effective communication enhances personal, family, and community health.
content?	The health skill, Interpersonal Communication, guides students to better understand, practice, and reflect on their interactions with others. By providing students with a safe space to practice strategies for healthy communication, students are more prepared to handle social situations throughout their life. Interpersonal Communication is written in four stages: Communication Techniques, Boundary Setting/Refusal Skills, Conflict Resolution, and Collaboration. Each stage of this model supports students to better understand themselves and their community while working toward having more authentic, intentional dialogue with others. The four stages of Interpersonal Communication were designed to support the growth of each student toward more complex levels of communication, beginning with the individual and ending with effective group work. These stages were developed in sequential order to ensure strategies build upon one another, leading to more inclusive, authentic, and collaborative teamworkwww.rmc.org
Essential Questions What questions will provoke and sustain student engagement while focusing learning?	 Standard 1 Can students analyze characteristics of healthy relationships and explain how to build and maintain healthy relationships with family members, peers, and boyfriends and girlfriends? Can students evaluate strategies for dealing with difficult relationships with family members, peers, and boyfriends or girlfriends? Can students analyze situations that could lead to being pressured to having sex? Can students examine situations that could lead to tobacco use and summarize the long-term health benefits of abstaining from or discontinuing tobacco use? Can students summarize why it is important to understand the perspectives of others in resolving a conflict situation? Can students summarize why the presence of weapons increases the likelihood of injury and why it is important to tell an adult if there are people who are in danger of hurting themselves or others?
Power Standards	Standard 4: Use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health
	and avoid or reduce health risks.

Which standards provide	
endurance beyond the course, leverage across multiple disciplines, and readiness for the next level?	HS 4.1 Compare and contrast effective communication skills sto improve healthy relationships and/or reduce engaging in risky behaviors. HS 4.2 Analyze and demonstrate how to effectively manage personal information in electronic communications. HS 4.3 Choose healthy ways to express affection within relationships. HS 4.4 Use consensual, consistent language to set personal limits and explain its implications for decision-making to avoid risky behaviors.
Supporting Standards Which related standards will be	1.14 Analyze characteristics of healthy relationships and explain how to build and maintain healthy relationships with family members,
incorporated to support and enhance the enduring standards?	peers, and boyfriends and girlfriends.
	1.15 Evaluate strategies for dealing with difficult relationships with family members, peers, and boyfriends or girlfriends.
	1.28 Analyze situations that could lead to being pressured to having
	sex. 1.31 Examine situations that could lead to tobacco use and
	summarize the long-term health benefits of abstaining from or discontinuing tobacco use.
	1.34 Analyze why it is important to understand the perspectives of
	others in resolving a conflict situation. 1.38 Summarize why the presence of weapons increases the likelihood
	of injury and why it is important to tell an adult if there are people who are in danger of hurting themselves or others.
Essential Vocabulary	Refusal skills
What vocabulary must students know to understand and	Conflict resolution skills Consensual language
communicate effectively about this content?	Characteristics of Healthy Relationships
	Unhealthy relationships Effects of tobacco use
	Assertive communication Passive communication
	Aggressive communication
	Passive-aggressive communication
	Eye contact Verbal
	Non verbal
	I-messages Active listening
	Polite
	Emotions Tone of voice
	Peer pressure

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ommunication Skills hysical Education: Students effectively communicate game rategies to other students during game play. Students use fective communication to support other students. anguage Arts: Public speaking, debate, writing. echnology: Examine online video, movies, for effective or ineffective fective communication. reate short video clips of effective communication skills. ocial Studies: Examine current and historical events through the lens effective and appropriate communication. usiness: Oral speaking, presentations, job interviews. occational: collaboration, creating projects, service learning. effusal Skills usic, Art: Create posters depicting refusal communication ichniques.

	Physical Education: Use effective communication techniques and refusal skills during physical education
	Language Arts: Reading stories about others who use and analyze their actions and refusal skills. Writing prompts analyzing character and plots for how they used refusal skills. Analyze media clips for positive and negative refusal techniques.
	Social Studies - Choose a historical event and determine if the refusal technique was effective. Explain the situation from alternate points-of-view. Analyze cultural norms of specific societies and how they may impact refusal skills.
	Conflict Resolution Physical Education: Compromise in team situations and evaluate how compromise can increase the team's goals.
	Language Arts: Analyze the themes of conflict and identify in a piece of literature.
	Social Studies: Study a conflict in American History And analyze how things would have been different if they would have come up with a different solution.
	In any content area, teaching students how to listen and resolve conflict can support the overall learning environment.
	 21st Century Skills Collaboration Communication Problem Solve Social Skills
Assessing Learning How will you know when students have learned? How do you know	Standard 4: Use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health and avoid or reduce health risks.
students have successfully met the learning intention?	In grades 9-12, students will show mastery of general communication skills when they are able to effectively communicate thoughts, feelings, and ideas assertively, advocate for positive change, and be able to demonstrate the communication skills of restating, reframing, clarifying and summarizing. Mastery also includes their ability to use these skills in situations involving conflict management, negotiation, refusal, and asking for help/support.
	Students can compare and contrast effective communication skills sto improve healthy relationships and/or reduce engaging in risky

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	behaviors. Students can analyze and demonstrate how to effectively manage personal information in electronic communications. Students can choose healthy ways to express affection within relationships. Students can use consensual, consistent language to set personal limits and explain its implications for decision-making to avoid risky behaviors.
	Mastery of conflict management/negotiation involves the student being able use strategies to avoid and defuse conflict. Students need to be able to demonstrate skills and strategies to enhance personal health.
	Mastery of refusal skills in 9-12 grades, is that students are also able to determine what situations they need to use refusal skills and demonstrated strategies that show that they can avoid and/or say no in unhealthy or unsafe situations.
Instructional Strategies and Other Resources	https://www.aeseducation.com/blog/what-are-21st-century-skills www.rmc.org
	https://healthsmartva.org/ www.
	https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/sher/standards/4.htm
	Lesson Planning for Skills-Based Health Education

Platform.