Unit Framework for Decision-Making – 6th Health

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Big Ideas What enduring understandings are essential for application to new situations within or beyond this content?	The health skill, Decision-Making, focuses on the fact that people make decisions everyday. When applied to health, the steps in this health skill model give students the ability to make decisions individually, or collaboratively, to improve their quality of life. The health skill also allows students to make important decisions that require a thoughtful decision-making process outside of high-risk and high-stake contexts, increasing the likelihood of making healthy choices when facing potentially unhealthy situations. Mastery of Decision-Making empowers students to work through difficult situations by keeping the impact of the decision on their health in mind. Students make decisions everyday, however, many of the decisions they see and experience may not have been carefully considered. It is important for students to understand that the use of this skill will allow them to sort through problems, brainstorm options, analyze the positive and negative outcomes, and then implement and reflect on the choices they make. When applied to health issues, this process gives students the ability to make decisions individually, or collaboratively, to improve their quality of life. The decision making model for grades 6-8 involves five basic steps. It is a good idea to have these steps posted in the room or available as a handout. The model and an example should be shared with students during the teaching of the skill. By understanding how to make good decisions students will learn that they will have more control over their lives. Source: www.rmc.org		

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What questions will provoke and sustain student engagement while focusing learning?

Standard 1

- Can students differentiate between proper use and abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medicines and distinguish between the benefits and consequences of using and not using alcohol and other drugs?
- Can students explain the risks associated with using alcohol or other drugs and riding in a motor vehicle?
- Can students explain why the recommended amount of food a person needs each day may be different for each food group and analyze the benefits of healthy eating?
- Can students describe short- and long- term physical effects of using tobacco?
- Can students summarize the dangers of experimenting with tobacco products and the benefits of being tobacco-free?

Standard 5

- Can students recognize healthy options when making a decision about health-related issues or problems?
- Can students describe how to use a decision-making process to avoid harmful behaviors?
- Can students describe how a decision-making process is used to enhance or establish healthy behaviors and relationships?

Power Standards

Which standards provide endurance beyond the course, leverage across multiple disciplines, and readiness for the next level? Standard 5: Use decision-making skills to enhance health.

- 6.5.1. Recognize healthy options when making a decision about health-related issues or problems.
- 6.5.2. Describe how to use a decision-making process to avoid harmful behaviors.
- 6.5.3. Describe how a decision-making process is used to enhance or establish healthy behaviors and relationships.

Supporting Standards

Which related standards will be incorporated to support and enhance the enduring standards?

- 6.1.1. Differentiate between proper use and abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medicines and distinguish between the benefits and consequences of using and not using alcohol and other drugs.
- 6.1.2. Explain the risks associated with using alcohol or other drugs and riding in a motor vehicle.
- 6.1.3. Explain why the recommended amount of food a person needs each day may be different for each food group and analyze the benefits of healthy eating.
- 6.1.10. Describe short- and long- term physical effects of using tobacco.
- 6.1.11. Summarize the dangers of experimenting with tobacco products and the benefits of being tobacco-free.

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Essential Vocabulary What vocabulary must students know to understand and communicate effectively about this content?	outcomes, positive, negative, reflection, decision, values
Cross Curriculum Connections Are there opportunities to make connections to other disciplines (standards and curriculum programs)?	Social Studies - Examine how decisions were made based on historical texts and other resources. Use decision making into financial literacy lessons. Science – Examine various texts to make a build a case for your position on a scientific debate. Literacy – Analyze characters' decisions at key points in a reading examining what factors influenced their decisions. Source: www.rmc.org 21st Century Skills Communication Problem Solving
Assessing Learning How will you know when students have learned? How do you know students have successfully met the learning intention?	Grades 6-8 students will have mastered the skill of decision making if they can first of all, anticipate situations where they might have to make a thoughtful decision. Then, they should be able to identify the decision to be made and determine if the decision can be made alone, or if they need the help of an adult or trusted source. Next, students will be able to list healthy options and predict positive and negative outcomes. Finally, they will be able to make a healthy decision and then analyze the outcome of the decision and how it will benefit their life in the future. Source: www.rmc.org
Instructional Strategies and Other Resources	https://www.aeseducation.com/blog/what-are-21st-century-skills www.rmc.org https://healthsmartva.org/ https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/sher/standards/3.htm Lesson Planning for Skills-Based Health Education

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**Each Unit Framework guides planning and delivery of instruction. An Instructional Planning Companion tool to guide instructional planning (Unit/Lesson Plans) can be found on the Curriculum Platform.