Program Overview | Grades 6-8
Teen Health is a comprehensive program that engages middle school students in an exploration of health and wellness. Students apply real-world health skills as they create individualized plans for healthy lives. This flexible program can be delivered online through ConnectED, in a traditional print format, or a combination of both. The hybrid approach to teaching middle school health allows you to select the topics relevant to your students and provide them print or online content at home or in the classroom.

This program:

- Uses content built on the 10 health skills developed from the National Health Education Standards to ensure an all-inclusive health course.

- Engages students in active learning that enables them to practice the health skills.

- Provides Fitness and Nutrition activities that show students how to lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

- Enables you to customize your entire program and how you teach it - from the delivery method to the content.

- Provides many online features that keep the program current for you and your students.
UNIT 1:
BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
Chapter 1 Building Healthy Relationships
Chapter 2 Dating Relationships and Abstinence

UNIT 2:
BUILDING CHARACTER
AND PREVENTING BULLYING
Chapter 3 Building Character
Chapter 4 Bullying and Cyberbullying

UNIT 3:
MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH
Chapter 5 Your Mental and Emotional Health
Chapter 6 Mental and Emotional Disorders

UNIT 4:
CONFLICT RESOLUTION
AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Chapter 7 Conflict Resolution
Chapter 8 Violence Prevention

UNIT 5:
NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
Chapter 9 Nutrition
Chapter 10 Physical Activity

UNIT 6:
HEALTH DURING THE LIFE CYCLE
Chapter 11 The Life Cycle
Chapter 12 Personal Health Care

UNIT 7:
BODY SYSTEMS
Chapter 13 Body Systems

UNIT 8:
TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, AND OTHER DRUGS
Chapter 14 Tobacco
Chapter 15 Alcohol
Chapter 16 Drugs
Chapter 17 Using Medicines Wisely

UNIT 9:
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Chapter 18 Communicable Diseases
Chapter 19 Noncommunicable Diseases

UNIT 10:
SAFETY AND A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT
Chapter 20 Safety
Chapter 21 Green Schools and Environmental Health

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY
(Optional module)
Chapter 1 The Teen Years
Chapter 2 The Reproductive System
Chapter 3 Sexual Feelings and Relationships
Teen Health is a flexible program available in a traditional print format, digital, or both! The hybrid approach to teaching health allows you to select the topics relevant to your students and provide them print or online content at home or in the classroom.

The traditional print format includes a durable, hardbound student edition with the optional Healthy Relationships and Sexuality softcover module. A hardbound teacher edition is also available with this program.
digital subscriptions

Student and teacher subscriptions available through ConnectED provide access to the full Teen Health program – plus additional online features.

**Student Center**
- Online Student Edition (interactive)
- Spanish Student Edition
- Interactive worksheets
- Online student-teacher messaging
- Online assessment
- Web Quest activities
- Foldables®
- Bilingual Glossary
- Podcast activities
- Online review, quizzes, and chapter tests
- Flip 4 Fitness activities
- In The News section
- Ongoing updates for statistics, charts, and graphs
- Resource Library
- Creative Web links for students

**Teacher Center**
- Annotated Student Edition
- Customizable lesson plans
- Class and individual student assignment management and tracking
- Online student-teacher messaging
- eAssessment Test Generator
- Resource library with over 4,500 accessible videos, documents, and images
- Creative Web links for teachers
- Correlations and national and state standards
- Conference/grant links
- Whiteboard activities
- Inclusion strategies
- Coded activities for all learning levels
The text guides students to immediately apply what is being taught and encourages interaction. In the *Online Student Edition*, students can highlight words or sentences as they read, and take notes on the chapters in their personal *Notebook*.

- Each lesson begins with a **Big Idea** that summarizes the lesson content.
- **Before You Read** at the start of each lesson will help students think about the topic and give them an opportunity to write in their journal.
- **As You Read** provides an activity for students to complete to organize the information presented in the lesson.
- **The Main Idea** summarizes the content within a small section of text.
- **The Bilingual Glossary** contains vocabulary terms and definitions in Spanish and English.
Lesson Review

At the end of each lesson, a lesson review allows students to reflect on the content learned. In the Online Student Edition, students can type directly into the response fields and save their answers.

Chapter Assessments

Once all lessons are complete, a chapter assessment tests students on the content learned in each lesson.
With *Teen Health*, students have fun as they learn to be physically fit. The back of the print book features the *Flip 4 Fitness* section. *Flip 4 Fitness* is a handbook that helps students get started with physical activity, whether they are non-athletes who do not participate in organized sports, or athletes who need tips to cross train for their favorite sport. The handbook focuses on the five elements of fitness to help students set and reach their fitness goals. *Flip 4 Fitness* offers suggested activities and sports, and provides tips on how to make each activity safe, fun, and productive.
Fitness Zone callouts throughout the text incorporate fitness into the content of the lesson. Fitness Zone Online is a multimedia resource that shows students how to be physically active every day. This complete system of activity cards, videos, podcasts, and heart rate activities helps teachers to objectively assess students’ fitness levels and develop customized individual fitness improvement plans.

The Nutrition and Physical Activity Resources include:

- Clipboard Energizer Activities
- Fitness Zone Videos
- Polar Heart Rate Monitor Activities
- Podcasts
- Nutrition, physical activity, and injury prevention tips
Foldables® study organizers appear in the first lesson of each chapter. Foldables are three-dimensional, interactive graphic organizers that allow students to quickly organize and display data. At the beginning of the lesson, students are asked to create a Foldable, and record information learned in the lesson. When preparing for the chapter assessment, students are asked to use the Foldable they created to help with studying. All of the Foldables for Teen Health are located at the back of the print book, as well as in the Resource Center in ConnectED.

**Chapter 1 Foldables®**

Make this Foldable® to help organize what you learn in Lesson 1.

1. Begin with a plain sheet of notebook paper. Fold the sheet of paper in half along the long axis.
2. Turn the paper, and fold it into thirds.
3. Unfold and cut the top layer along both fold lines. This makes three tabs. Draw two overlapping ovals.
4. Label the left tab Verbal, the middle tab Communication, and the right tab Nonverbal.

Write the definitions and examples of verbal and nonverbal communication under the appropriate tab. Under the middle tab, describe how both types of communication help to share feelings, thoughts, and information.

**Chapter 2 Foldables®**

Make this Foldable® to help organize what you learn in Lesson 1.

1. Begin with a plain sheet of notebook paper. Draw a straight line across the middle of the page to divide it in half.
2. Fold the top and bottom quarters of the page to meet the line in the middle.
3. Next, fold the page in half.
4. Cut along the creases you have made in the top and bottom flaps.
5. On the four flaps you have created, write Thinking about Dating, Group Dating, Individual Dating, and Healthy Ways to Show Affection.

List the main ideas from this lesson under each of the appropriate tabs.
**Hands-on Health**

*Teen Health* provides many opportunities for problem-based learning including a feature called **Hands-On Health**. These activities help students gain a deeper understanding of the concepts and standards at the heart of the project. There is one **Hands-On Health** activity per chapter for students to complete, available in the print book and in **ConnectED**.

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**Hands-On Health**

**ACTIVITY**

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED**
- seven empty baby food jars
- a container of sugar
- a set of measuring spoons

**WHAT YOU WILL DO**

1. Note that 5 grams of sugar is equivalent to 1 level teaspoon of sugar, 1 gram is just under ½ teaspoon, and 2 grams is a little under ¹⁄₄ teaspoon.
2. Calculate how many teaspoons of sugar each product in the list contains.
3. Using the spoons, measure out the amount of sugar in each product and place it in a jar labeled with the name of the product it corresponds to.

**WRAPPING IT UP**

Evaluate your findings. Which foods contain the most sugar? Which foods are high in other nutrients? What are some ways to reduce your sugar intake?

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**Making Smart Choices about Medicines**

A medicine can be either helpful or harmful to the body, depending on whether it is used properly and how it affects your body. Some medicines can protect you from certain diseases or are used to manage specific conditions. Others cure diseases, kill germs, relieve symptoms, or treat minor injuries. This activity will help you better understand the health risks and benefits of using different medications.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED**
- Three index cards per student
- One pencil or pen per student
- Internet or library access

**WHAT YOU WILL DO**

1. In teams of three, use each of your index cards to write one medicine you might find at a pharmacy. Each group should compile a total of nine different medications.
2. Research the health benefits and risks associated with each of the medicines you have listed. On the back of each card, list two benefits and two risks for each medication.
3. When you are finished, place all the completed cards face down in the middle of the table. Your teacher will then name a category, such as how the medicine enters the body, whether it is a prescription or OTC medicine, or which one carries the most risk.
4. For each round, your team will turn the cards over and sort them into the proper category. The winner is the team that completes the most rounds successfully.

**WRAPPING IT UP**

Create a “How to Use Medicines Wisely” checklist that explains the steps to use when making a decision about using a medicine. Keep in mind the purpose of the medication, the way a medication affects your body, the health benefits and risks of a medication, and how the medication is used.
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