

Upper Elementary (5th Grade) Curriculum Overview

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Welcome and Introductions

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Overview of Agenda

- CA Health Education Standards
- MHUSD Need
- Curriculum Overview & Lesson Examples
- Questions
- Parent Support, Options, and Communication Tips

Reminder: Questions can be addressed during or after the meeting

Respect Respect All Perspectives – Listen actively and consider different viewpoints. Focus Stay Focused – Keep comments and questions relevant to the topic. Positive Assume Positive Intent – Approach the discussion with an open mind. Balance Take Turns Speaking – Ensure everyone has a chance to contribute. Collaborate Collaborate – Focus on solutions that benefit all students.

Health
Content
Standards
and National
Sexuality
Education
Standards

- Education Standards Overview
- California Health Education Content Standards
- California Health Framework for Public Schools
- California Healthy Youth Act of 2016
- Board Policy
- Alignment with Positive Prevention Plus curriculum

What Are Education Standards?

Education standards are specific, measurable learning goals that outline what students are expected to know and be able to do at each grade level in a particular subject area. They serve as benchmarks to ensure consistent learning outcomes across schools, districts, or states.

Key Features of Education Standards:

- Clarity: They define clear expectations for student learning.
- Grade-Level Progression: Standards build progressively, preparing students for the next level of education or career readiness.
- **Subject-Specific**: Standards exist for core subjects like math, language arts, science, and social studies, as well as health, physical education, and more.
- **Uniformity**: They provide a common framework to ensure consistency in education, regardless of the school or district.

California Health Education Content Standards

- Grades K-12 | Adopted by the State Board of Education on March 12, 2008
- Health education standards are to be achieved by all students in kindergarten
 and grades one through twelve. To enhance the quality and depth of health
 instruction, some health content areas are not recommended for every grade
 level. Districts are encouraged to add content areas for additional grade levels
 depending on local health priorities. The health education standards represent
 minimum requirements for comprehensive health education. (p. ix)
- Fifth Grade Standards
 - o Nutrition and Physical Activity
 - O Growth, Development, and Sexual Health Education Code (EC) Section 51933(a) (b) (c).
 - o Personal and Community Health



Growth, Development, and Sexual Health¹

Standard 1: Essential Concepts

- 1.1.G Describe the human cycle of reproduction, birth, growth, aging, and death.
- 1.2.G Explain the structure, function, and major parts of the human reproductive system.
- 1.3.G Identify the physical, social, and emotional changes that occur during puberty.
- 1.4.G Define sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).
- 1.5.G Describe how HIV is and is not transmitted.
- 1.6.G Recognize that there are individual differences in growth and development, physical appearance, and gender roles.
- 1.7.G Recognize that everyone has the right to establish personal boundaries.
- 1.8.G Recognize that friendship, attraction, and affection can be expressed in different ways.
- 1.9.G Explain that puberty and physical development can vary considerably and still be normal.
- 1.10.G Identify personal hygiene practices and health and safety issues related to puberty (e.g., showering, use of sanitary products, deodorant, and athletic supporters).

Standard 2: Analyzing Influences

- 2.1.G Explain how culture, media, and other factors influence perceptions about body image, gender roles, and attractiveness.
- 2.2.G Describe how heredity influences growth and development.
- 2.3.G Discuss how changes during puberty affect thoughts, emotions, and behaviors.

Standard 3: Accessing Valid Information

- 3.1.G Recognize parents, guardians, and other trusted adults as resources for information about puberty.
- 3.2.G Differentiate between reliable and unreliable sources of information about puberty.

Standard 4: Interpersonal Communication

- $4.1.G \qquad \hbox{Use effective communication skills to discuss with parents, guardians, and other trusted} \\ adults the changes that occur during puberty.$
- 4.2.G Use healthy and respectful ways to express friendship, attraction, and affection.
- 4.3.G Demonstrate refusal skills to protect personal boundaries.

Standard 5: Decision Making

- 5.1.G Describe the importance of identifying personal boundaries.
- 5.2.G Analyze why it is safe to be a friend to someone who is living with HIV or AIDS.

Standard 6: Goal Setting

- 6.1.G Identify steps to achieve and maintain a healthy and accurate body image.
- 6.2.G Develop plans to maintain personal hygiene during puberty.

Standard 7: Practicing Health-Enhancing Behaviors

- 7.1.G Engage in behaviors that promote healthy growth and development during puberty.
- 7.2.G Describe ways people can protect themselves against serious bloodborne communicable diseases.

PPP Alignment with the CA Health Content Standards

This alignment will be covered when we look at the individual lessons in Positive Prevention Plus Upper Elementary later in the presentation.

Health Education Framework for California Public Schools

- · Adopted by the California State Board of Education in May 2019
- The Health Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (framework), which is guided by the health education standards, is intended to assist [school staff] in developing programs that educate, influence, and inspire California's children to learn, adopt, and maintain positive health practices throughout their lives. (p. 1)
- One of the primary goals of health education is health literacy for all students in California. Health-literate students can understand basic health information, directions, and services needed to make informed personal health decisions which may also contribute to healthier communities. (p. 2)
- . Separation of students by gender is not recommended (p. 261)



PPP Alignment with CA Health Framework

Focus Areas in the Framework:

- Comprehensive Sexual Health Education: Provides ageappropriate lessons on human development, including puberty and reproduction.
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL): Integrates strategies to build self-awareness, empathy, and responsible decisionmaking.
- Inclusion and Equity: Lessons are inclusive of diverse backgrounds and experiences, including students with disabilities and various cultural values.

How It Aligns:

- Ensures medically accurate, age-appropriate, and culturally sensitive information.
- Incorporates engaging, student-centered activities such as role-playing and group discussions.
- Prepares students to transition into middle school with foundational knowledge about personal health and wellbeing.

California Healthy Youth Act of 2016

- The purpose of the California Healthy Youth Act (California Education Code [EC] sections 51930–51939) is to provide every student with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect their sexual and reproductive health from unintended pregnancy, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- All instruction and materials must support and align with the purposes of the California Healthy Youth Act and with each other. Instruction and materials may not be in conflict with or undermine each other or any purposes of the law. For example, schools may not use materials that, in promoting abstinence, focus exclusively on the failure rates or perceived disadvantages of condoms or contraception.
- (c) A school district may provide comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education consisting of ageappropriate instruction earlier than grade 7 using instructors trained in the appropriate courses. A school district that elects to offer comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education earlier than grade 7 may provide age appropriate and medically accurate information on any of the general topics contained in paragraphs (1) to (11), inclusive, of subdivision (a).

PPP Alignment with CA Healthy Youth Act

Legal Requirements Covered:

- Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Education: Includes lessons on human anatomy, puberty, reproduction, and disease prevention.
- Age-Appropriate Content: Fifth-grade lessons focus on early pubertal development and communication with trusted adults.
- Inclusivity: Lessons reflect the experiences of all students, including LGBTQ+ individuals.
- Parental Rights: Provides opt-out options for parents, aligning with CHYA requirements.

How It Aligns:

- Fulfills CHYA's mandate to provide education on human growth and development, relationships, and prevention of sexually transmitted infections in an age-appropriate way.
- Emphasizes respect for diversity and the importance of healthy, respectful relationships.

MHUSD Board Policy 6142.1

Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction Policy

- The Governing Board desires to provide a well-planned, integrated sequence of medically accurate and inclusive instruction on comprehensive sexual health and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention. The district's educational program shall address the goals of the California Healthy Youth Act pursuant to Education Code 5193-51939, including providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect them from risks presented by sexually transmitted infections, unintended pregnancy, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and human trafficking and to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors.
- The district's educational program shall also promote students' understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development and their development of healthy attitudes and behaviors concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family.
- The district shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their children's education on these subjects and to impart values regarding human sexuality to their children.





MHUSD Board Administrative Regulation 6142.1 Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

- General Criteria for Instruction and Materials
- Components of Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Education
- Professional Development
- Use of Consultants or Guest Speakers
- Non Applicability to Certain Instruction or Materials

MHUSD Need

- Previous curriculum, Always Changing and Growing Up, outdated and not aligned to the state standards
- Updated curriculum aligns with the California Healthy Youth Act of 2016

PPP UPPER ELEMENTARY (5TH GRADE) OVERVIEW & ALIGNMENT WITH CA HEALTH STANDARDS

Curriculum Objectives

- · To abstain from sexual contact
- To abstain from drug use
- To reduce risk of unplanned pregnancy & sexually transmitted infections
- To access resources and services for reproductive health
- · To talk to a parent, guardian, or trusted adult

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- Lesson 1: Getting Started
- Lesson 5: Human Reproduction
- Lesson 2: Friendship
- Lesson 6: Hygiene
- Lesson 3: Bullying Behaviors Lesson 7: Diseases and their Transmission
- Lesson 4: Puberty
- Lesson 8: Staying Safe and Healthy

Presentation Format

- Component 1: Opening slide from instructional materials
- Component 2: Lesson title, content, and instructional objectives
- Component 3: Aligned CA Health Content Standards
- Component 4: Sample slides from instructional materials
- Component 5: Sample activities from the lesson
- Component 6: Sample page from student workbook

There will be an opportunity for questions after every 2-3 lessons.





Lesson 1: Getting Started

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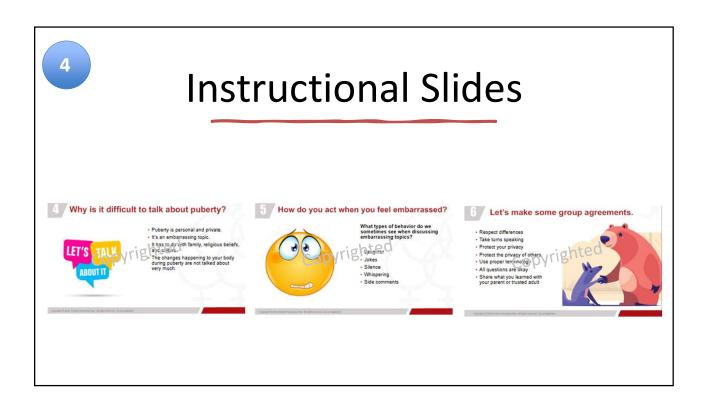
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- Discussing Embarrassing Topics
- · Group Agreements
- The Human Life Cycle
- · Hereditary Traits
- Reliable Sources of Information
- Lesson Wrap-Up

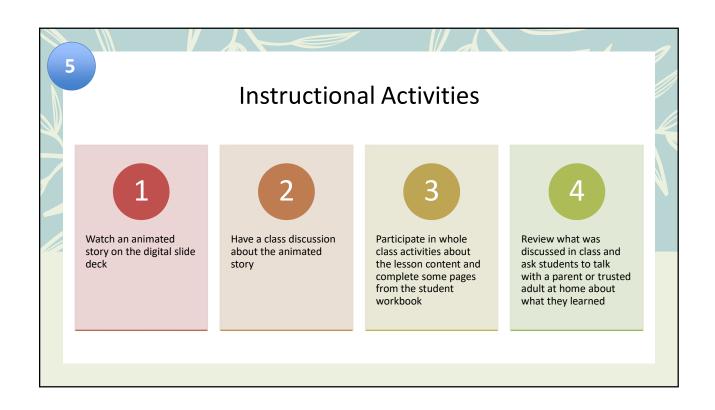
Instructional Objectives

- List and follow the Group Agreements
- Describe the human cycle of reproduction, birth, growth, aging, and death
- Identify parents, guardians, and other trusted adults as resources for information about puberty
- Identify reliable sources of information and support
- Use correct medical terminology



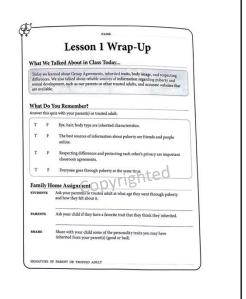
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- 2.2G Describe how heredity influences growth and development.
- 3.1.G Recognize parents, guardians, and other trusted adults as resources for information about puberty.
- 3.2.G Differentiate between reliable and unreliable sources of information about puberty.





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Lesson 2: Friendship

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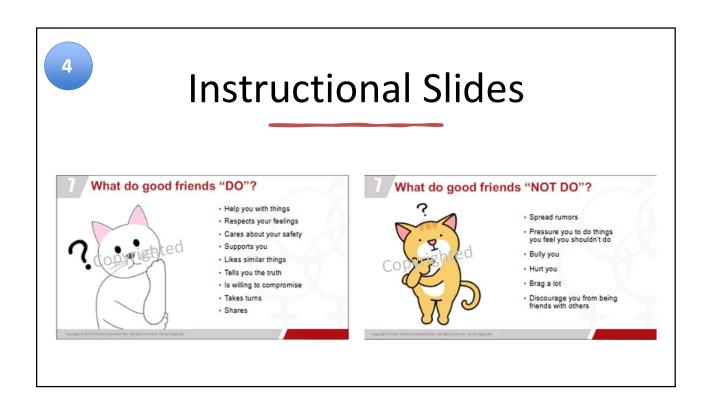
- Introduction
- Friendship and Empathy
- What Being a Good Friend Means
- · Lesson Wrap-Up

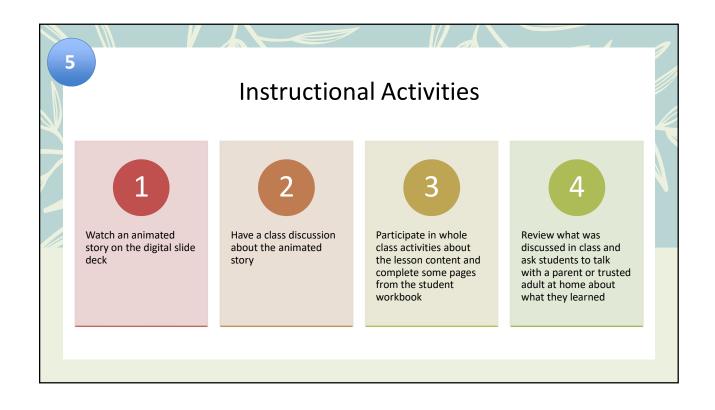
Instructional Objectives

- Describe the characteristics of healthy friendships
- Explain the importance of empathy
- Recognize that friendship and empathy can be expressed in different ways
- Identify ways to be more understanding of others
- Demonstrate ways to treat others with dignity and respect
- Identify parents and other trusted adults you can talk to about relationships

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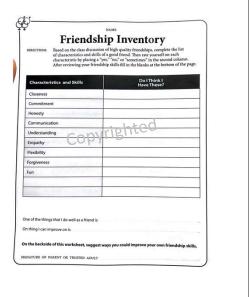
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- 4.1.G Use effective communication skills to discuss with parents, guardians, and other trusted adults the changes that occur during puberty.
- 4.2.G Use healthy and respectful ways to express friendship, attraction, and affection.





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Lesson 3: Bullying Behaviors

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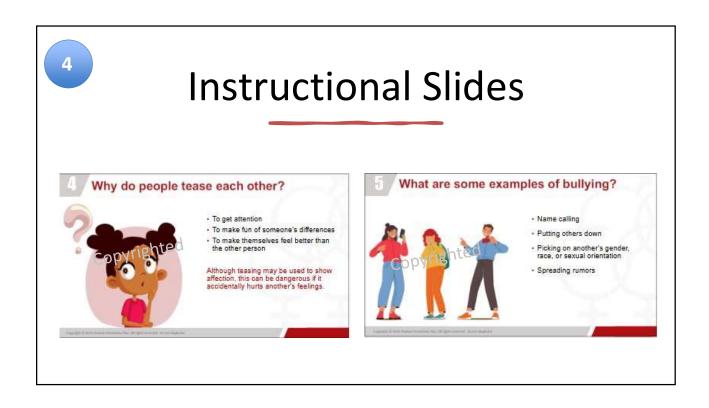
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- Teasing and Bullying
- Verbal and Non-Verbal Communications
- Boundaries
- Lesson Wrap-Up

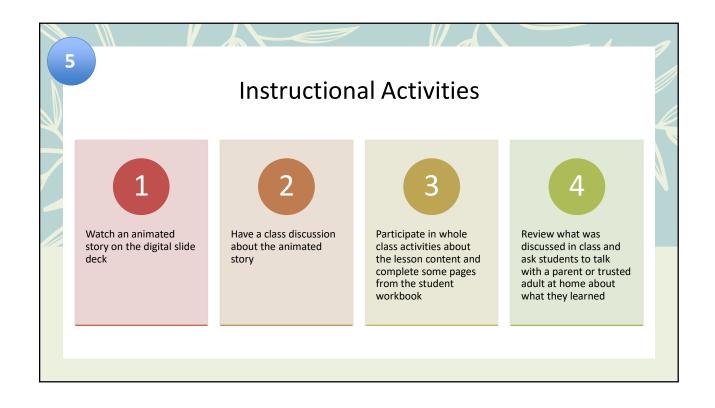
Instructional Objectives

- Define teasing and bullying and explain why they are wrong.
- Explain why some people may tease or bully others.
- Recognize that everyone has the right to establish personal boundaries.
- Identify personal boundaries.
- Demonstrate refusal skills that avoid or reduce health risks.



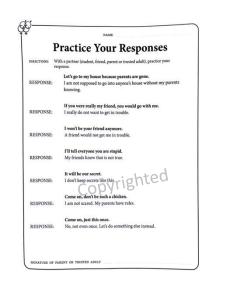
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- 4.3.G Demonstrate refusal skills to protect personal boundaries.
- 5.1.G Describe the importance of identifying personal boundaries.





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QUESTIONS?





Puberty

Lesson 4



Lesson 4: Puberty

Content

- Introduction
- Puberty
- Mental, Social, and Emotional Changes
- · Gender and Sexual Identity
- Identifying and Managing Emotions
- Lesson Wrap-Up

Instructional Objectives

- Describe how puberty prepares human bodies for the potential to reproduce.
- Describe the reproductive systems including body parts and their functions.
- Explain the structure, function, and major parts of the human reproductive system.
- Identify medically accurate information about reproductive anatomy.



Related CA Health Content Standards

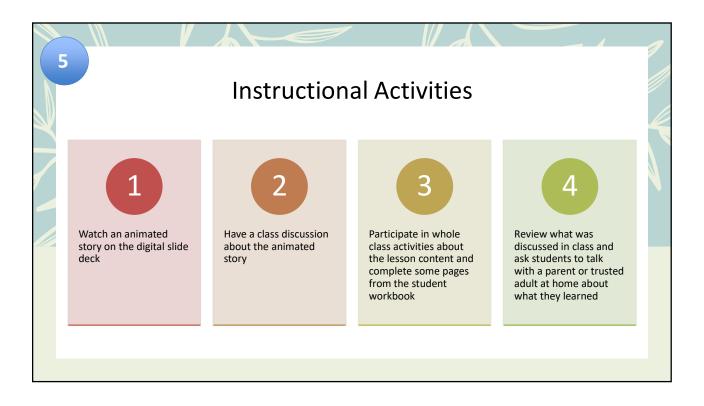
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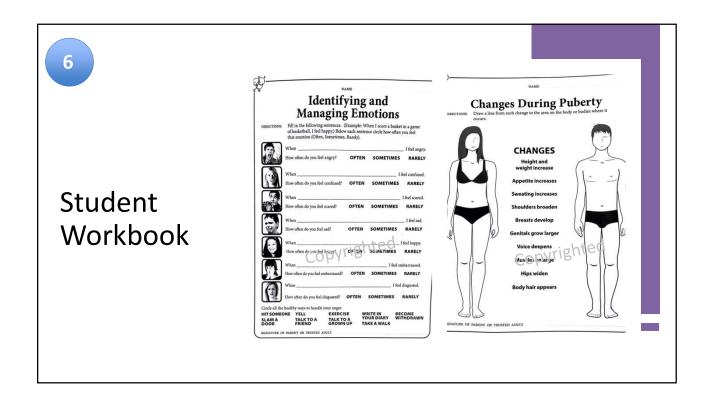


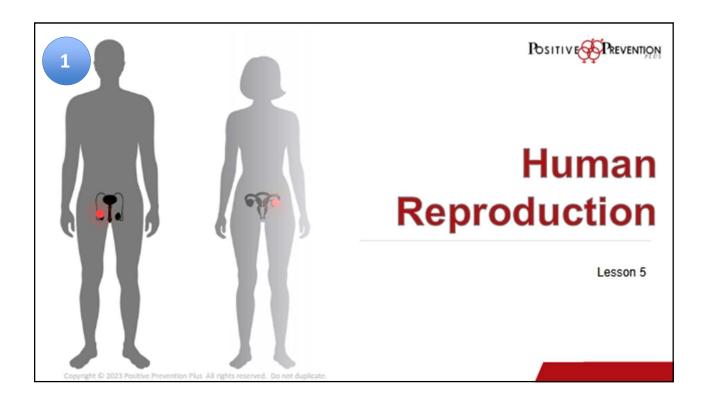
Instructional Slides













Lesson 5: Human Reproduction

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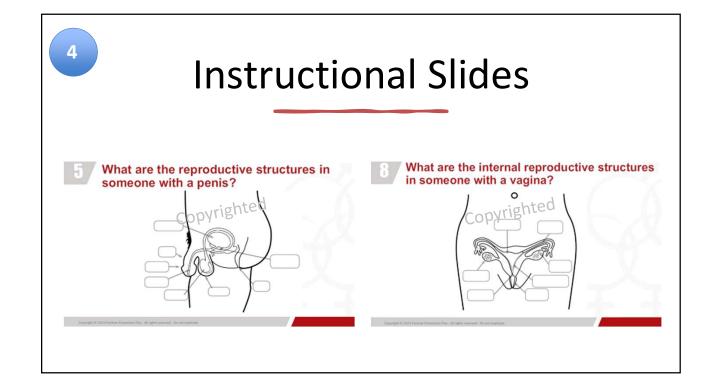
- Introduction
- Reproductive Organs
- Reproductive Structure and Function
- Menstruation
- Conception to Birth
- Lesson Wrap-Up

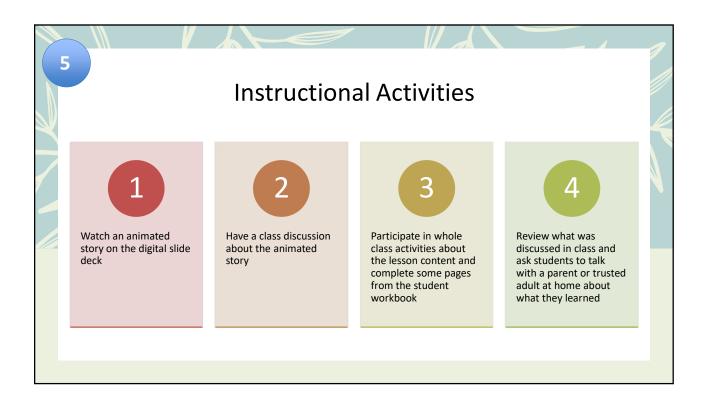
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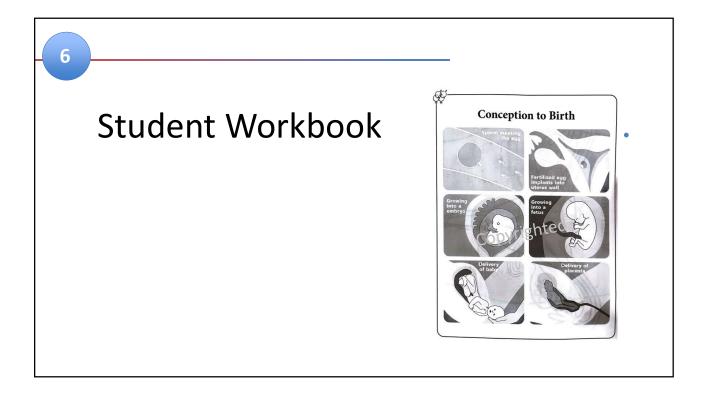
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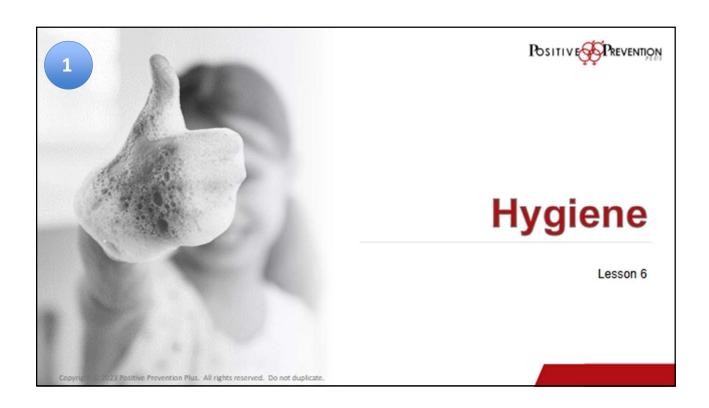
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Lesson 6: Hygiene

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- Introduction
- Hygiene Practices
- Hygiene Practices for a Person with a Vagina
- Hygiene Practices for a Person with a Penis
- Lesson Wrap-Up

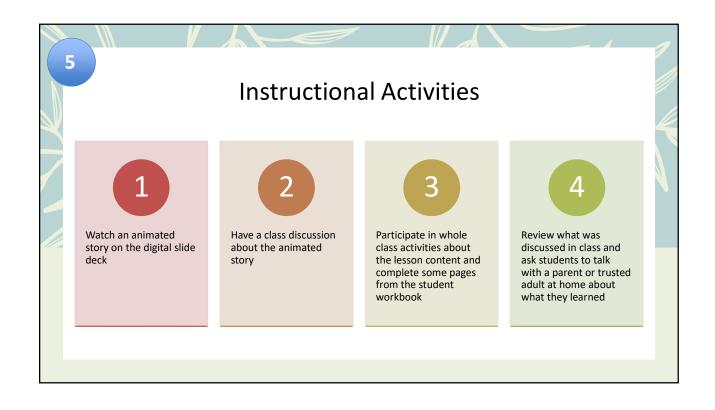
Instructional Objectives

- Identify personal hygiene practices and safety issues related to puberty.
- Develop plans to maintain personal hygiene during puberty.
- Describe when it is important to seek health care.

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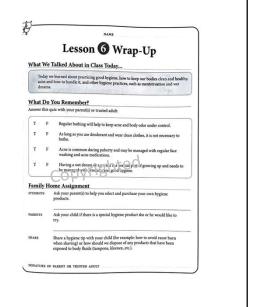
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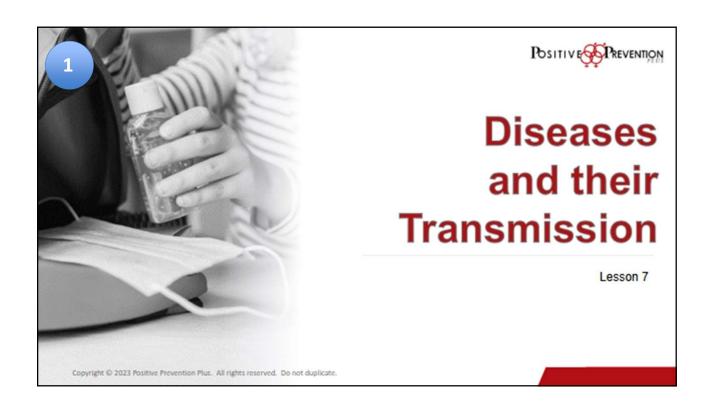




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Lesson 7: Diseases and their Transmission

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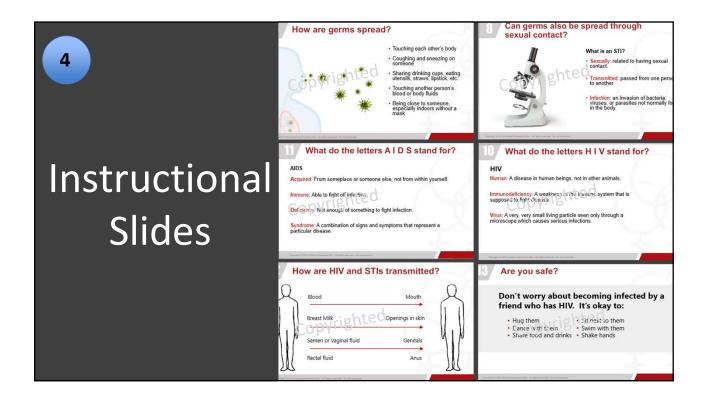
- Introduction
- Germ Transmission
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- HIV and AIDS
- Lesson Wrap-Up

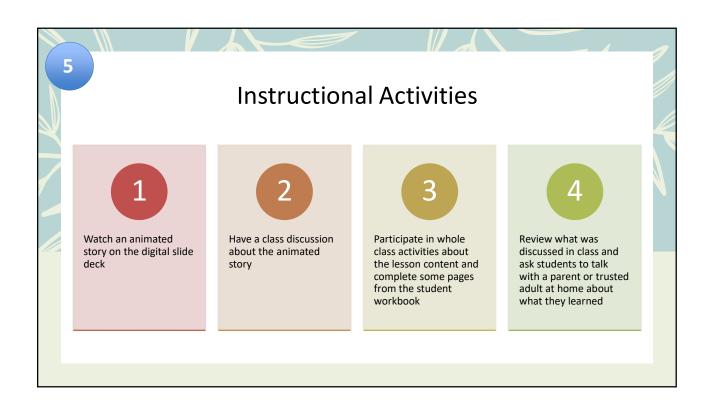
Instructional Objectives

- Define sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).
- Describe how HIV is and is not transmitted.
- Analyze why it is safe to be a friend to someone who is living with HIV or AIDS.
- Describe ways people can protect themselves against serious blood-borne communicable diseases.



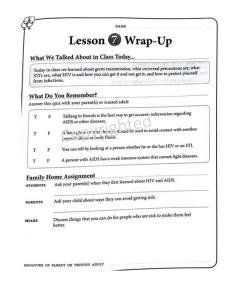
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Lesson 8: Staying Safe and Healthy

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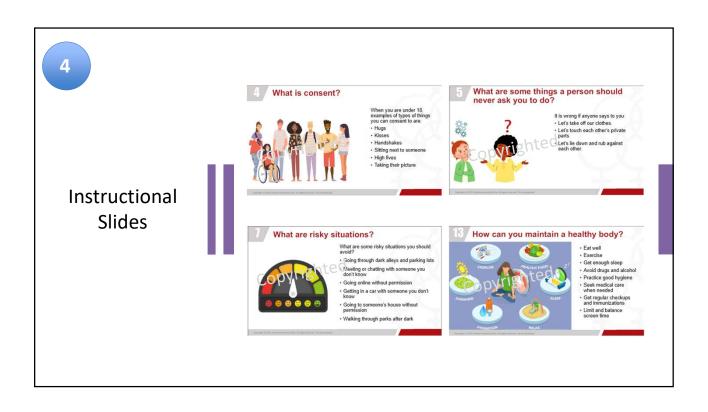
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- Staying Safe
- Staying Physically Healthy
- Staying Mentally Healthy
- Personal Contract
- Lesson Wrap-Up

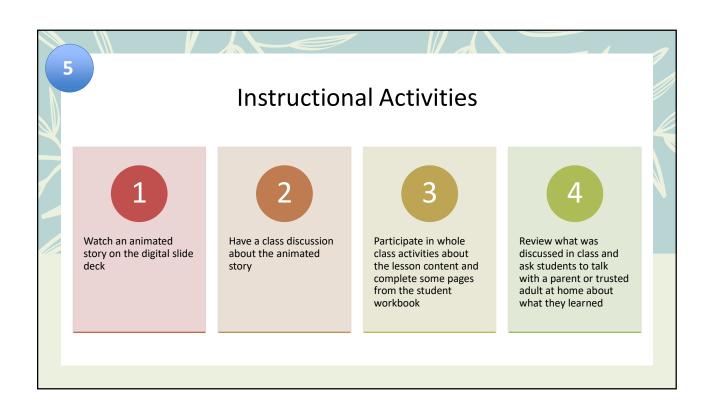
Instructional Objectives

- Define sexual abuse.
- Define consent.
- Describe the relationship between healthy behaviors and personal health.
- Demonstrate how to ask for assistance to enhance personal health.
- Identify resources to assist in achieving a personal health goal.
- Set a personal health goal and track progress towards achievement.



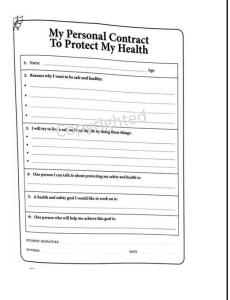
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QUESTIONS?

HANDLING SENSITIVE TOPICS

How
Sensitive
Questions
Are
Managed

Safe Environment

- Group agreements ensure respect and confidentiality.
- Encourages a judgment-free zone for student participation.

Anonymous Question Box

- Allows students to ask sensitive questions privately.
- Questions are answered generally and appropriately during lessons.

Age-Appropriate Responses

- Answers are factual and suitable for the age group.
- Students are guided to talk with trusted adults for personal issues.

Handling Off-Topic Questions

- Questions beyond the curriculum are redirected to trusted adults.
- The importance of the question is acknowledged respectfully.

Professional Boundaries

- Teachers avoid personal opinions and stick to the curriculum.
- Training ensures alignment with district policies and legal standards.

Parental and Administrative Support

- Parents review curriculum materials for transparency.
- Teachers can seek guidance from administrators for challenging situations.

Addressing Topics Not Included in Instruction

Curriculum Training

- Clear Scope: Teachers are trained on what is included in the curriculum and what is not authorized for instruction.
- Alignment with Standards: Educators learn to focus on state standards and curriculum objectives to ensure compliance.

Redirecting Off-Topic Questions

- Acknowledgment and Redirection: Teachers are taught to validate the student's question while explaining that it falls outside the curriculum.
- Guidance to Trusted Adults: Encourage students to discuss such topics with their parents, guardians, or other trusted adults.

Use of Anonymous Question Box

- Teachers learn to screen anonymous questions and filter out those that are off-topic or outside the approved scope.
- Questions beyond the curriculum are acknowledged as important but deferred for discussion at home or with an appropriate professional.

Professional Boundaries

- Neutral Responses: Teachers are trained to maintain neutrality and avoid sharing personal opinions.
- Reinforcement of Role: Emphasis on their role as educators, not personal advisors, ensures focus on academic content.

Parent and Community Communication

- Transparency: Teachers are prepared to communicate curriculum limitations to parents and explain the reasons for excluding certain topics.
- Support Materials: Offer resources for parents to address these topics at home if needed.

Administrative Support and Reporting

- Guidelines for Escalation: Training includes when and how to escalate unauthorized questions or topics to school administrators.
- Consistent Policies: Teachers are equipped with district-approved protocols for handling sensitive or unauthorized content.

Open Communication & Support

Transparency About the Curriculum

- This presentation details the topics, objectives, and alignment with California standards
- There are multiple opportunities for parents to review lesson plans and materials.

Keeping Communication Open

- Principals and teachers will send updates via newsletters, emails, or the school/district website.
- Designated staff available to answer parent questions or concerns.

Supporting Your Role as Parents/Guardians

- Parents can opt their children out, if preferred.
- Student workbooks available for at-home education.

Respecting Diversity and Inclusivity

- Curriculum reflects the diverse values and experiences of the community.
- Approach fosters a nonjudgmental and supportive environment for all.

Resources for Families

- Homework pages provide guides and tips to support conversations at home.
- Schools can connect families with community organizations for additional support if needed.

Building Trust Through Collaboration

- School staff are open to listening and addressing parent concerns promptly.
- Partnership between families and the school essential for student success.

QUESTIONS?

Parent
Support for
Growth,
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and Sexual
Health
Education

Collaboration is Key:

- Students thrive when parents, schools, and communities work together.
- Parents and guardians shape their child's understanding of values, expectations, and decision-making.

Encourage Communication:

- Create opportunities for open, honest conversations at home
- Reinforce lessons learned at school through discussions at home.

Tips for Open Dialogue:

- Practice active listening and ask open-ended questions.
- Provide a safe, judgment-free space for discussions.



Closing and Thank You!



Please contact your school principal or classroom teacher if you have any follow-up questions.



Physical and digital copies of the curriculum are available for review in the school and district offices during open hours. No appointment needed!



We encourage you to continue communicating with us so we can work together to support student success with health education!