



# HEALTH AND WELLNESS STANDARDS

## GRADES K-12



**CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **Introduction to the Health and Wellness Standards**

Health education is an integral component of a comprehensive program of study for all students in the Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD). A health education program that addresses the physical, intellectual/mental, emotional, and social aspects of health teaches students how to maintain and improve their health; prevent disease; reduce health-related risk behaviors; develop health knowledge, skills, and attitudes that foster academic performance at school; and become healthy, successful adults who are productive members of their communities.

### **MISSION**

*Inspiring others to pursue a healthy and physically active lifestyle!*

### **VISION**

A community of fit, skilled, and knowledgeable students, who value an active and healthy lifestyle, embody the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship, and pursue physical activity for a lifetime.

### **CORE VALUES**

- Health and Physical Education are integral to the total educational program.
- Highly qualified educators are essential for delivering a standards-referenced physical education and health curriculum.
- Student safety is paramount.
- A sequential [developmental] program provides a continuum of movement skills/experiences and promotes optimal growth.
- A high quality program includes a balance of knowledge, skills, games, sports, fitness activities, and lifetime recreational experiences.
- A positive and safe learning environment builds confidence and success.
- The curriculum must be diverse enough to provide all students with the opportunity to participate in activities, which provide enjoyment and success.
- Focus is on total participation in an effort to grow and reach one's personal best.
- Participating in regular physical activity is necessary to achieve and maintain fitness and lifelong health.
- Assessment practices must guide and support the learning and growth of each student.
- An ongoing process of self-assessment and personal goal setting is integral to improvement.
- The ultimate goal is to inspire students to value healthy choices and daily physical activity in their lives.

## Overview of the Curriculum Framework

A district-wide curriculum revision process addresses the need for the continual improvement and/or updating of the schools' instructional programs through periodic reexamination of curriculum. The Health and Physical Education curriculums are aligned to national and state standards, but have been written to reflect the local needs, time, resources, and environment of the district. CFSD develops the standards and benchmarks for both Health and Physical Education concurrently. Although this clear connection is recognized, the district separates these content areas into different documents in order to emphasize the unique importance of each one.

The Health and Wellness standards and benchmarks are aligned to the Arizona Health Education Standards and the National Health Education Standards. The standards are the same for all grade levels, providing a comprehensive vision of what students need to know and be able to do. They are designed to help students develop and demonstrate increasingly sophisticated health-related knowledge, skills, and practices. Each of the eight standards is articulated by grade level with related benchmarks that serve as performance indicators. Knowledge of essential concepts and underlying principles of health promotion and disease prevention are included in Standard 1. Standards 2-8 identify key processes and skills that are applicable to healthy living.

The numbering system begins with the subject area of Health and Wellness (HW). The first numeral in the code indicates the grade level (K-8). For high school, the numbering system begins with "9." The second numeral identifies the standard/measurement topic. The last numeral indicates the number of the benchmark. For example, HW.1.2.1 references Health and Wellness at Grade 1, Standard 2, Benchmark 1. The benchmarks with items indicated as "required" must be taught. "For example" is used to indicate possible examples for teaching content and skills within the benchmarks.