

Colorado Academic Standards Comprehensive Health and Physical Education

The Colorado Academic Standards in comprehensive health and physical education are the topical organization of the concepts and skills every Colorado student should know and be able to do throughout their preschool through twelfth-grade experience.

1. Movement Competence and Understanding (Physical Education)

Includes motor skills and movement patterns that teach skill and accuracy in a variety of routines, games, and activities that combine skills with movement; demonstrates the connection between body and brain function; and creates patterns for lifelong physical activity.

2. Physical and Personal Wellness (Shared Standard)

Includes physical activity, healthy eating, and sexual health and teaches lifelong habits and patterns for a fit, healthy, and optimal childhood and adulthood; examines society, media, family, and peer influence on wellness choices; practices decision-making and communication skills for personal responsibility for wellness; and identifies the consequences of physical inactivity, unhealthy eating, and early sexual activity. Includes health promotion and disease prevention, and teaches responsibility and skills for personal health habits as well as behavior and disease prevention; sets personal goals for optimal health; examines common chronic and infectious diseases and causes; and recognizes the physical, mental, and social dimensions of personal health.

3. Emotional and Social Wellness (Shared Standard)

Includes mental, emotional, and social health skills to recognize and manage emotions, develop care and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, handle challenging situations constructively, resolve conflicts respectfully, manage stress, and make ethical and safe choices; examines internal and external influences on mental and social health; and identifies common mental and emotional health problems and their effect on physical health.

4. Prevention and Risk Management (Shared Standard)

Includes alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention; violence prevention; and safety; teaches skills to increase safe physical and social behavior in at home, in school, in the community, and in personal relationships; provides specific knowledge on avoidance of intentional and unintentional injuries; and practices decision-making and communication skills to avoid drug use, bullying, and dating violence.

The standards are organized in the following manner:

- **Physical Education Standards**
 1. Movement Competence and Understanding
 2. Physical and Personal Wellness
 3. Emotional and Social Wellness
 4. Prevention and Risk Management

- **Comprehensive Health Education Standards**
 2. Physical and Personal Wellness
 3. Emotional and Social Wellness
 4. Prevention and Risk Management

1. Movement, Competence and Understanding

Includes motor skills and movement patterns that teach skill and accuracy in a variety of routines, games, and activities that combine skills with movement; demonstrates the connection between body and brain function; and creates patterns for lifelong physical activity.

Prepared Graduates

The prepared graduate competencies are the preschool through twelfth-grade concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

Prepared Graduates in the Movement Competence and Understanding standard are:

- Demonstrate competency in motor skills and movement patterns needed to perform a variety of physical activity
- Demonstrate understanding of movement concepts, principles, strategies, and tactics as they apply to learning and performing physical activities

2. Physical and Personal Wellness

Includes physical activity, healthy eating, and sexual health and teaches lifelong habits and patterns for a fit, healthy, and optimal childhood and adulthood; examines society, media, family, and peer influence on wellness choices; practices decision-making and communication skills for personal responsibility for wellness; and identifies the consequences of physical inactivity, unhealthy eating, and early sexual activity. Includes health promotion and disease prevention, and teaches responsibility and skills for personal health habits as well as behavior and disease prevention; sets personal goals for optimal health; examines common chronic and infectious diseases and causes; and recognizes the physical, mental, and social dimensions of personal health.

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Prepared Graduates in the Physical and Personal Wellness standard are:

- Participate regularly in physical activity
- Achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness
- Apply knowledge and skills to engage in lifelong healthy eating
- Apply knowledge and skills necessary to make personal decisions that promote healthy relationships and sexual and reproductive health
- Apply knowledge and skills related to health promotion, disease prevention, and health maintenance

3. Emotional and Social Wellness

Includes mental, emotional, and social health skills to recognize and manage emotions, develop care and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, handle challenging situations constructively, resolve conflicts respectfully, manage stress, and make ethical and safe choices; examines internal and external influences on mental and social health; and identifies common mental and emotional health problems and their effect on physical health.

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Prepared Graduates in the Emotional and Social Wellness standard are:

- Utilize knowledge and skills to enhance mental, emotional, and social well-being
- Exhibit responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others in physical activity settings

4. Prevention and Risk Management

Includes alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention; violence prevention; and safety; teaches skills to increase safe physical and social behavior in at home, in school, in the community, and in personal relationships; provides specific knowledge on avoidance of intentional and unintentional injuries; and practices decision-making and communication skills to avoid drug use, bullying, and dating violence.

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Prepared Graduates in the Prevention and Risk Management standard are:

- Apply knowledge and skills to make health-enhancing decisions regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
- Apply knowledge and skills that promote healthy, violence-free relationships
- Apply personal safety knowledge and skills to prevent and treat intentional or unintentional injury