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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA   
Department of Education**

DATE: April 3, 2020

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning*

On January 23, 2020, the Virginia Board of Education adopted the proposed revised 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning* for public schools in Virginia (see [Agenda Item E](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2020/01-jan/agenda.shtml)). The final version of the [2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning*](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/health/index.shtml)is posted on the Virginia Department of Education’s (VDOE) website. The implementation timeline for the 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning* and the 2020-2021 *Health Education Standards of Learning Curriculum Frameworks* follows:

**2019-2020 School Year** – Development of curriculum frameworks for the 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning*

* VDOE creates grade-level specific draft curriculum frameworks that align with the 2020 Health Education Standards of Learning topics (i.e., Body Systems, Nutrition, Physical Health, Disease Prevention/Health Promotion, Substance Abuse Prevention, Safety/Injury Prevention, Mental Wellness/Social and Emotional Skills, Violence Prevention, Community/Environmental Health).
* Development of curriculum frameworks will include input and feedback from subject matter expert stakeholder groups, curriculum coordinators, and teachers.
* VDOE will finalize curriculum frameworks to incorporate feedback.
* Final 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning Curriculum Frameworks* are posted on the VDOE’s website and were shared with school divisions prior to the 2020-2021 school year.

**2020-2021 School Year** – Full Implementation Year

* Written and taught curricula reflect the 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning*.
* Health resources on [Health Smart Virginia](https://healthsmartva.org/) will be aligned with the revised standards and new resources will be developed.
* Staff development for teachers will be provided.

For additional information on the 2020 *Health Education Standards of Learning* *Curriculum Frameworks,* please contact Dr. Elizabeth Payne, Health and Physical Education Specialist, at the Office of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Innovation, by email at [elizabeth.payne@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.payne@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 371-0052; or Mrs. Vanessa Wigand, Coordinator for Health Education, by email at [vanessa.wigand@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:vanessa.wigand@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-3300.

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