

## Hawthorne Public Schools Comprehensive Health & Physical Education Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q:** Where can I access the 2020 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards being implemented in my district?

**A:** The standards are on the NJDOE website and can be accessed using this [LINK](#).

**Q:** What is the difference between standards and curriculum?

**A:** Standards are a blueprint that describe expectations of what students should know and be able to do. They guide the development of curriculum by each individual district. Curriculum is developed by teachers and school administrators, and adopted by the Board of Education. Curriculum outlines the plan of how teachers and lessons will meet the standards.

**Q:** Where can I find the curriculum the district has written to meet these standards?

**A:** The district health curriculum can be found on the district website under the IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS tab. You may also click [HERE](#) to be brought to that page.

**Q:** What does this look like for my child in the classroom?

**A:** The posted curriculum has links to videos and lessons that will be utilized at all grade levels. Additionally, in October of 2021 the district provided a presentation to summarize the changes and sample lessons. The presentation is posted on the district website under the IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS tab and can be accessed [HERE](#)..

**Q:** What are the rights of parents with regard to having their child participate in the instructional program associated with these new standards?

**A:** As per the NJDOE, families have the option to opt their child out of health class: *N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.7 Parent's Statement of Conflict with Conscience* Please complete this [form](#) if you do not wish for your child to participate in lessons around 2.1: Personal and Mental Health and 2.1 Social and Sexual Health.

**Q:** The K-5 curriculum is based on a new program called The Great Body Shop. Where can I find more information about this program?

**A:** The curriculum guide is available on the district website for your review. You can also view this document [GBS-Topics by Grade Level](#) which will provide you with the topics that will be covered at each grade level.

**Q:** Why do only some grade levels have an At-Home Family/School Partnership?

**A:** As we move into the upper grades and the structure of how health class is taught as a separate section, there is no family/school partnership option. The standards are more complex and we must design lessons to be in compliance.