National Health Education Standards (2024): Notable Changes

Health or health behaviors



Health and well-being

Illustrates a greater focus on mental health along with physical health

Enhance personal health



Support health and wellbeing of self and others

Focus not only on the individual but also those surrounding them

Influences spelled out in performance indicators



Influences not spelled out

Rather than include a long list of influences, teachers and students have flexibility to substitute in those that are most meaningful

Introducing new concepts:

- · Strengths and assets
- Health literacy
- · Managing chronic conditions
- · Boundaries and consent
- · Misinformation and disinformation
- Equity
- Communicating with others with different perspectives and values

(SHAPE, 2024)

Society for Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America National Physical Education Standards (2024): Notable Changes

- From five to four standards
- From grade level outcomes to grade span indicators
- Student-centered.
- A few other notable changes:
 - More detail and breadth in the concepts and skills found in Standards 2-4.
 - Body composition as a factor of physical health is removed from the new standards.
 - Greater focus on understanding emotions of self and others in physical activity.
 - There is more focus on the process of skill development



Rollout Timeline if Adopted	
Work w/field on planning and building out rollout (e.g., SHAPE VT, etc.)	In Process
Develop state model Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirement Hierarchies for health and physical education	Fall 25- Spring 26
Widespread messaging when standards adopted (e.g., through VTCLA, etc.)	Fall 25
Connect and collaborate w/VT physical and health educator teacher preparation program leaders on how to bring new standards into their curriculum/instruction	In Process
Participatory Action Research	Fall 25- Summer 26
Develop and release guidance documents on implementation of new health/PE standards (w/support from SHAPE America)	In Process
Offer professional learning on implementation of new standards	Fall 25- Summer 26
2024 National Health Education Standards and 2024 SHAPE America National Physical Education Standards in effect	Fall 26