

**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO: Members of Board of Education
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SUBJECT: NEW STATE HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS

On March 12, 2008, the State Board of Education unanimously adopted the new Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools. These standards were developed by a 19-member State Health Education Standards Advisory Panel. The Los Angeles Unified School District was represented on this panel by, Laura Griffin, Arroyo Seco Middle School; Laurie Brown, Nobel Middle School at time of appointment; and Ric Loya, HEP Teacher Adviser. During the hearing process over one hundred District health teachers' submitted meaningful suggestions and comments to the State Board.

The new Health Education Standards are organized into six health content areas:

- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- Growth, Development and Sexual Health
- Injury Prevention and Safety
- Mental, Emotional and Social Health
- Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Personal and Community Health

Recently, a panel of LAUSD health teachers from elementary, middle, and high schools reviewed the District's current instructional materials to determine if the materials would be in compliance with the new standards. The materials currently being used by District health teachers were based on the 2002 State Health Instruction Framework (to be revised in 2009). We are pleased to inform you that our panel of health teachers found that currently used materials are between 85% and 90% compliant with the new standards. This will allow for the continued use of the current health education instructional materials and meet compliance with the new State standards. This same panel of teachers developed a teacher-to-teacher guide for use by health teachers K-12 and have also formulated a pacing plan which is often requested by health teachers.

District health teachers have been aware of the new standards through information posted on the Health Education/ HIV-AIDS Prevention web site. During the month of August 2008, health education teachers will be attending a two-day workshop which will provide them with additional information regarding the implementation of State Health Education standards.

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Copies of the new standards are available for review through the Health Education Program office, Beaudry Bldg., 29th Floor.

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