851 K to 12 Comprehensive Health Education Program

1.0 Program Requirements

1.1 Each school district and charter school shall have a sequential, skill-based K to 12 Comprehensive Health Education Program based on the Delaware Health Education Standards that establishes a foundation of understanding the relationship between personal behavior and health and shall include at a minimum the following:

1.1.1 Identification of a district level person to coordinate the district program and a coordinator in each building to assure compliance at the building level. Each charter school shall identify a person to coordinate the program for the charter school.

1.1.2 Appointment of persons such as teachers, parents, school nurses, community leaders, guidance counselors, law enforcement officers and others with expertise in the areas of health, family life and safe and drug free schools and communities to serve as members of the Consolidated Application Planning Committee.

1.1.3 The use of the state content standards for health education for grades K to 12 to address the core concepts: tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, injury prevention and safety, nutrition and physical activity, family life and sexuality, personal health and wellness, mental health and community and environmental health with minimum hours of instruction as follows:

1.1.3.1 In grades K to 4, a minimum of thirty (30) hours in each grade of comprehensive health education and family life education of which ten (10) hours, in each grade, must address drug and alcohol education.

1.1.3.2 In grades 5 and 6, a minimum of thirty five (35) hours in each grade of comprehensive health education and family life education of which fifteen (15) hours, in each grade, must address drug and alcohol education.

1.1.3.3 In grades 7 and 8, separate from other subject areas, a minimum of sixty (60) hours of comprehensive health education and family life education of which fifteen (15) hours, in each grade, must address drug and alcohol education. If all of the 60 hours are provided in one year at grade 7 or 8, an additional fifteen hours of drug and alcohol education must be provided in the other grade.

1.1.3.4 In grades 9 to 12, one half (1/2) credit of comprehensive health education is required for graduation of which fifteen (15) hours of this 1/2 credit course must address drug and alcohol education. In addition, no less than two (2) hours of this 1/2 credit course shall include a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instructional program which uses the most current evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines, and incorporates psychomotor skills learning into the instruction, use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) as well as a component on the life saving and life enhancing effects of organ and tissue donation. This 1/2 credit course may be provided in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade. In each of the remaining three grades, fifteen (15) hours of drug and alcohol education must be provided for all students. CPR instruction, use of an AED and organ/tissue donation awareness shall be integrated into each high school Health Education Program no later than the 2015-2016 school year.

1.1.4 Inclusion of a comprehensive sexuality education and an HIV prevention program that stresses the benefits of abstinence from high risk behaviors.

1.1.5 Inclusion of the core concepts of nutrition and family life and sexuality implemented through Family and Consumer Science courses.

1.1.6 Inclusion of research-based fire safety education in grades kindergarten through grade 6.

1.1.7 Inclusion of an evidence-based tobacco, alcohol, drug and interpersonal violence prevention program.

1.1.8 The use of effective instructional methods as demonstrated in sound research in the core concepts and skills inclusive of accessing information, self management, analyzing internal and external influences, interpersonal communication, decision making and goal setting and advocacy.

1.1.9 A description of the method(s) used to implement and evaluate the effectiveness of the program shall be reported upon request of the Department.

3 DE Reg. 1073 (02/01/00)
8 DE Reg. 1012 (01/01/05)
13 DE Reg. 935 (01/01/10)
17 DE Reg. 425 (10/01/13)
18 DE Reg. 369 (11/01/14)