



OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Curriculum Newsletter 10-12-09

TOPIC: HEALTH

- **In grades K, 1, and 2**, classroom teachers will instruct the 2000 Health Curriculum in the 2009-10 school year. The revised Health Curriculum (2009) will be implemented by teachers who were part of the primary curriculum writing team. Revisions will be made as their work progresses throughout the year. The elementary librarians, led by Curriculum Leader, Tina Facciolli, will work with the K-2 curriculum document and the curriculum writing task force to choose the most appropriate book selections to integrate reading with health.
- **In grades 3, 4 and 5:**
 - Health & PE teachers will instruct the new (2009) Health Curriculum in grades 3, 4 and 5.
 - Health will be formally assessed on the ESAR in trimester #3. The Health/PE teachers will collaborate throughout the 2009-10 school year to identify common assessments for each strand of the curriculum.
 - Health / PE teachers will utilize the 2 periods weekly to instruct Health and Physical Education in a manner that best meets the needs of the students in their buildings. They will collaborate with the building principal to design their teaching schedules.
 - The classroom spaces of students participating in Health instruction in grades 3, 4, and 5 may be utilized by the Health / PE teachers during this instructional time.
 - Health / PE teachers will be trained from 8:00 to 11:00a.m. during the January 29, 2010 In-Service Day, so they are ready to instruct the Human Growth & Development (HG&D) Curriculum in grades 4 and 5 in the Spring of 2010 using the Board approved 2000 HG&D Curriculum.
 - The DARE Program ended with the 2008-09 SY. Health / PE teachers will use National and State Health Standards to instruct students on the topics of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
 - Special activities that were run in the past, such as, BAT / Emergency Day will not be run by the Health / PE teachers.