
Health Education and Lifetime Wellness Standards

The Background:

The State Board adopted updated Health Education and Lifetime Wellness Standards at the October 2016 board meeting. The Health Education and Lifetime Wellness Standards represent the desired knowledge or behavioral outcome for a student at the completion of a grade or course. Creating or adopting developmentally appropriate learning experiences or instructional materials that meet the standards is the responsibility of the health education/lifetime wellness teacher.

This first reading item proposes to add specific standards related to drug and opioid abuse to the Health Education and Lifetime Wellness Standards for every grade level. Incorporating these specific standards is part of TN Together, Governor Haslam's comprehensive effort to combat opioid abuse in Tennessee. Educating students on the dangers and harmful effects of opioids is critical to curbing opioid use.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.