

# WPS Curriculum Updates



Wanaque Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, August 23rd

# 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards

**On June 3, 2020, the State Board of Education adopted the 2020 NJSLS in the following content areas:**

- Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills;
- Comprehensive Health and Physical Education;
- Computer Science & Design Thinking;
- Science;
- Social Studies;
- Visual and Performing Arts;
- and World Languages.

*\*\*All updates need to be completed and implemented by September 2022*

# NJ Student Learning Standards - Health and Physical Education

- Adopted in June of 2020, required to implement in school curriculum by September of 2022
- <https://www.nj.gov/education/cccs/2020/2020%20NJ%20SLS-CHPE.pdf>
- NJSLS - Health/PE are **banded**, K-2, 3-5, 6-8, & 9-12
  - By the end of 2nd grade...
  - By the end of 5th grade...
  - By the end of 8th grade...
  - Districts make decisions of when it is grade-level appropriate to teach standards within each band.
- Inclusion of Climate Change and Career Readiness Cross-Curricular Standards



# NJ Student Learning Standards - Health and Physical Education

Revisions include recent legislation (2014-2020) and existing legislation (prior to 2014)

## Recent Legislation (2014-2020)

- Consent (NJSA 18A:35)
- Mental Health (NJSA 18A:35-4.39)
- NJ Safe Haven Infant Protection Act (NJSA 18A:35-4.40 & 18A:35-4.41)
- Sexting (NJSA 18A:35-4.33)
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education (NJSA 18A:35-4.5a)

## Existing Legislation (prior to 2014)

- Accident and Fire Prevention (NJSA 18A:6-2)
- Breast Self-Examination (NJSA 18A:35-5.4)
- Bullying Prevention Programs (NJSA 18A:37-17)
- CPR/AED Instruction (NJSA 18A:35-4.28-4.29)
- Cancer Awareness (NJSA 18A:40-33)
- Dating Violence Education (NJSA 18A:35-4.23a)
- Domestic Violence Education (NJSA 18A:35-4.23)
- Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, CDS, and Steroids (NJSA 18A:40A-1)
- Gang Violence Prevention (NJSA 18A:35-4.26)
- Lyme Disease Prevention (NJSA 18A:35-5.1)
- Organ Donation (NJSA 18A:7F-4.3)
- Sexual Assault Prevention (NJSA 18A:35-4.3)
- Stress Abstinence (NJSA 18A:35-4.19-20)
- Suicide Prevention (NJSA 18A:6-111)

## Section: 18A:35-4.7: Parent's statement of conflict with conscience

*Any child whose parent or guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instructions in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with his conscience, or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom.*

L.1979, c. 428, s. 2, eff. Feb. 11, 1980

- The curriculum is being developed into units of study. Our curriculum has “Family Life” Units.
- Prior to the instruction of these Family Life Units, a parent letter will be sent home to alert families of the upcoming Family Life Units and will also contain information about families “opting out” of the Family Life Unit, as per 18A:35-4.7.
- Alternate assignments will be provided for students who do not participate in the Family Life Units.

# NJ Student Learning Standards - Computer Science and Design Thinking (Technology)



- Formerly Standard 8.2 - Technology Education, Engineering Design, and Computational Thinking
- “Stand alone standards”
- Remaining topics not Computer Science/Design Thinking moved into Career Readiness skills standards
- Inclusion of Climate Change and Career Readiness Cross-Curricular Standards
- Banded into 4 bands: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12

# NJSLS - Comprehensive Health and Physical Education 2020 - HEALTH (K-8)

- [Kindergarten](#)
  - [1st Grade](#)
  - [2nd Grade](#)
  - [3rd Grade](#)
  - [4th Grade](#)
  - [5th Grade](#)
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**NJSLS -  
Comprehensive  
Health and Physical  
Education 2020 -  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
(pK-8)**

- [PreK](#)
  - [Kindergarten](#)
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# NJSLS - Computer Science and Design Thinking 2020 - TECHNOLOGY (K-8)

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