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Overview: Nutrition Education Competencies Aligned with the Health Education Standards

	Overarching Health Content Standard	OVERARCHING NUTRITION EDUCATION COMPETENCY (ONEC) Students will
1	Essential health concepts: All students will comprehend essential concepts related to enhancing health.	Know the relationships among nutrition, physiology, and enhancing health.
2	Analyzing health influences: All students will demonstrate the ability to analyze internal and external influences that affect health.	Analyze internal and external factors influencing food choices and health outcomes.
3	Accessing valid health information: All students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze health information, products, and services.	Demonstrate the ability to access nutrition information, products, and services and determine the accuracy and validity of nutrition claims.
4	Interpersonal communication: All students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health.	Demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to optimize food choices and health outcomes.
5	Decision making: All students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health.	Demonstrate the ability to use decision- making skills to optimize food choices and health outcomes.
6	Goal Setting: All students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health.	Demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance nutrition and health.
7	Practicing health-enhancing behaviors: All students will demonstrate the ability to practice behaviors that reduce risk and promote health.	Demonstrate the ability to practice nutrition- related behaviors that reduce risk and promote health.
8	Health promotion: All students will demonstrate the ability to promote and support personal, family, and community health.	Demonstrate the ability to promote and support a sustainable, nutritious food supply and healthy lifestyles for families and communities.

Overarching Health Education Content Standard, Essential Health Concepts: All students will comprehend essential concepts related to enhancing health.

Corresponding Overarching Nutrition Education Competency 1:

\Rightarrow All students will know the relationships among nutrition, physiology, and enhancing health.

Content Area: <i>Students will:</i>	Kindergarten	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Know the six nutrient groups and their functions.	Identify the variety of foods of plant origin. Classify plant foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and grains. Identify the variety of foods of animal origin, such as eggs, fish, poultry, beef, and milk.	Describe the main functions of fat, carbohydrate, protein, vitamins, minerals, and water.	Identify and define key nutrients and their functions.*	Classify food products of plant and animal sources by the major nutrients they provide.	Identify nutrients and their relationships to health.* Describe methods to analyze the nutritional value of foods and beverages.* Name the key nutrients in each food group and investigate how the body uses these nutrients.	Classify nutrients into macronutrients and micronutrients. Explain how the Dietary Reference Intakes may be used to assess dietary quality. Define and analyze the functions of phytochemicals.
Know nutrition and health guidelines.	Name a variety of healthy foods and explain why they are necessary for energy and good health.* Identify a variety of healthy snacks.* Describe tools used to measure servings of food. State the purpose of food advertisements and commercials.	Classify various foods into appropriate food groups.* Identify the number of servings of food from each food group that a child needs daily.* Identify actions key to feeling healthy and growing a healthy body. Describe the benefits of drinking water in amounts consistent with current research-based health guidelines.*	State the recommended number of servings and serving sizes for different food groups.* Identify at least one key nutrient provided by recommended food groups. List recommendations for maintaining a healthy body and positive self-esteem. Explain the importance of drinking plenty of water, especially during	Describe the food groups, including recommended portions to eat from each food group.* Explain why some food groups have a greater number of recommended portions than other food groups.* Differentiate between more-nutritious and less- nutritious beverages and snacks.*	Compare and contrast use of the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and USDA food guide for planning healthy meals. Analyze the harmful effects of engaging in unscientific diet practices to lose or gain weight.* Explain how to use a Body Mass Index (BMI) score as a tool for measuring general health.*	Describe dietary guidelines, food groups, nutrients, and serving sizes for healthy eating habits.* Research and discuss the practical use of current research-based guidelines for a nutritionally balanced diet.* Explain the importance of variety and moderation in food selection and consumption.*

		Identify physical activities that students can enjoy and sustain for 30 minutes every day. Identify how to recognize credible nutrition information.	vigorous physical activity.*	eating in moderation.* Identify key components of the "Nutrition Facts" label.* Describe examples of how different cultures may meet dietary guidelines using a variety of foods.	Analyze the major nutritional benefits of specific plant and animal food products.	Distinguish between facts and myths regarding nutrition practices, products, and physical performance.* Explain the harmful effects of using diet pills and anabolic steroids.* Explain why people with eating disorders need professional help.*
Know factors affecting energy balance.	Recognize that we need food to provide energy. Identify why we need active play and other physical activity. Identify a form of physical activity that children enjoy at school and at home.	Describe how energy is obtained and expended during the day. Describe a variety of physical activities that will help keep children physically fit. Identify opportunities outside of school for regular participation in physical activity.*	Explain reasons for the differences in the amount of food required by individuals. Describe the benefits of moderate and vigorous physical activity.*	Define a Calorie and describe how it is used by the body. Explain how energy is obtained and expended during physical activity.	Describe methods to analyze the caloric value of foods and beverages.* Recognize that different foods contain different amounts of energy which is in the form of Calories. Compare caloric values of food according to the percent of fat, protein, and carbohydrate they contain. Identify ways to increase daily physical activity.*	Describe the amounts and types of physical activity recommended for teenagers' overall health and for the maintenance of a healthy body weight.* Compare the Calorie content of macronutrients and analyze the relationship between calorie intake and expenditure.
Describe how nutritional needs vary throughout the life cycle.	Identify one reason people of different ages need different foods.	Describe some of the different food needs people have at different ages.	Describe the amounts and types of food people need at different ages.	Name 5 life stages and list examples of special nutritional needs at each life stage. Explain the unique nutritional needs of pre- adolescents and compare	Compare and contrast the specific nutritional needs at each life stage.	Describe nutrition practices that are important for the health of a pregnant woman and her baby.* Identify and compare foods rich in nutrients

Identify the physiological processes in digestion, absorption, and metabolism of nutrients	Describe foods using senses: taste, touch, sight, smell, and sound.	Explain that food is used and stored by our bodies to help us have energy for growing, learning, and activity.	Illustrate the pathway of food during the process of digestion.	these needs to other life stages. Explain the relationship between the intake of nutrients and metabolism.* Examine the pathway of food and its conversion to energy during the process of digestion. Describe the physiological reasons for the differences in the nutritional needs for each life stage.	Describe the benefits of eating a variety of foods high in iron, calcium, and fiber.* Illustrate how the different body systems interact.	 important for adolescent and adult health in a daily diet. Assess how age, gender, activity level, and other factors influence nutritional needs during each of the five life stages. Analyze the physiological processes involved in the digestion, absorption, and metabolism of nutrients. Analyze the interaction of the different body systems and what happens when these systems do not function properly.
Explain the influence of nutrition and physical activity on health.	Recognize that eating healthy foods, such as vegetables and fruits, is beneficial for the body. Recognize the importance of a healthy breakfast.* Describe the benefits of being physically active.*	List the benefits of healthy eating (including beverages and snacks).* Discuss the benefits of eating a nutritious breakfast every day.* Explain how both physical activity and eating habits can affect a person's health.*	Describe the relationship between food intake, physical activity, and good health.* Name and explain benefits of eating fruits and vegetables. Identify the benefits of eating whole grains. Name and explain two disadvantages of beverages high in sugar.	Explain how good health is influenced by healthy eating and being physically active.* Describe the benefits of eating a nutritionally balanced diet consistent with current research- based dietary guidelines.* Identify physical, academic, mental, and social benefits of regular physical activity.*	Differentiate between diets that are health- promoting and diets linked to disease.* Identify the impact of nutrition on chronic disease.* Describe the short- and long-term impact of nutritional choices on health.* Explain the cognitive and physical benefits of eating breakfast daily.*	Describe the relationship between poor eating habits and chronic diseases such as heart disease, obesity, cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and osteoporosis.* Describe the prevalence, causes, and long-term consequences of unhealthy eating.* Identify the causes, symptoms, and harmful effects of eating disorders.*

Know	Describe how to wash	Describe how to keep	Identify how to keep	Describe safe food	Identify ways to prepare	Explain how to keep
Know principles of handling (growing, harvesting, transporting, processing, storing, and preparing) foods for optimal food quality and safety.	Describe how to wash hands before handling food. Identify one way of safely preparing foods for eating. Name one way to store food that helps to keep it safe and fresh.	Describe how to keep food safe from harmful germs.* Identify how to safely use kitchen tools to prepare food. Explain why hand washing is important when preparing and eating food. Identify examples of foods that must be stored at cool temperatures, in the refrigerator or freezer. Describe how food is handled on its way from farm to table.	Identify how to keep food safe through proper food preparation and storage.* Explain how food can contain germs that cause illness.* Explain what foodborne illnesses are and how these illnesses are contracted. Identify a variety of ways to include fruits, vegetables, and whole grains in daily meals and snacks.	Describe safe food handling and preparation practices. Identify symptoms of foodborne illness. Describe ways to prevent foodborne illness. Explain how food is transported from farm to table, focusing on maintaining nutritional quality. Identify the food temperature danger zone. Identify examples of	Identify ways to prepare food that are consistent with current research- based guidelines for a nutritionally balanced diet. * Describe how to keep food safe through proper food purchasing, preparation, and storage practices.* Examine the health risks caused by food contaminants.* Identify careers found in each phase of the food cycle.	Explain how to keep food safe through proper food purchasing, preparation, and storage practices.* Compare and analyze food-related careers such as jobs related to nutrition, dietetics, food technology, culinary arts, agricultural production, and food safety. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of food processing, including the effect on food quality, safety, nutrient content, and the environment.
Consider the interactions among nutrition science, ecosystems, agriculture, and social systems that affect health, including local, national, and global perspectives.	Describe what plants and animals need for growth. Identify edible parts of plants and trees.	Identify two ways that geographical factors influence food availability and quality. Identify factors that affect the availability of food, such as economics, location, and culture. Identify foods grown in different regions of California. Name one healthy example of a food item associated with a certain	Identify foods grown in different regions of the state, the country, and the world, and how some of those foods are produced. List examples of foods that are grown in California and in regions of the United States. Describe the role of food webs within natural systems. Explain the concept of food security.	jobs related to food and nutrition. Describe and illustrate the food cycle. Compare and contrast types of foods produced in specific regions of California and the United States. Describe the relationship between ecosystems and nutrition science. Analyze reasons why an abundance of food crops are grown in California. Recognize different food	Explain two factors that influence the quality and quantity of food available locally, nationally, and globally. Describe how economics, social systems, and education impact the nutritional status of individuals. Examine the technological factors that help create the quality and quantity of food we need.	Explain how local, national, and global factors influence food intake. Analyze data to determine the local, national, and global influences on the quantity and quality of food. Identify how social conditions may influence food availability. Analyze the

	country or cultural group.	Identify the definition of nutrition science.	production systems, such as organic, sustainable, and conventional.	Examine how local, national and global factors influence the food cycle. Compare the different food production systems.	effectiveness of the different food production systems, such as organic, sustainable, and conventional. Describe the impact of agriculture on
					conventional.
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					California's economy,
					and how the state's
					budget influences
					agriculture.

Overarching Health Education Standard 2: Analyzing Health Influences

All students will demonstrate the ability to analyze internal and external influences that affect health.

Corresponding Overarching Nutrition Education Competency 2:

⇒ All students will demonstrate the ability to analyze internal and external factors influencing food choices and health outcomes.

K	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12
Identify one influence on	Describe three factors that	Identify internal and	Describe internal and	Describe the influence of	Evaluate internal and
food choices.	influence personal food	external influences that	external influences that	culture and media on body	external influences that
	choices, including seeing,	affect food choices.*	affect food choices and	image.*	affect food choices.*
Identify one practice that	smelling, and tasting.		physical activity.*		
makes mealtime		Analyze advertising and		Evaluate internal and	Assess personal barriers to
enjoyable.	Describe how taste affects	marketing techniques used	Recognize that family and	external influences on food	healthy eating and physical
	personal food choices.	for food and beverages.*	cultural influences affect	choices.*	activity.*
Give one example of a			food choices.*	~	
favorite food custom or	Discuss how family,	Describe the effects of peer	~	Compare experiences of	Distinguish between facts
food choice on a special	friends, and media	influence and social	Compare food choices from	making nutritious food	and myths regarding
holiday.	influence food choices.*	environments on food	different cultures.	choices within a variety of	nutrition practices,
	D	choices.		social settings.	products, and physical
Recognize that not all	Report on one historical		Describe the influence of		performance.*
products advertised or sold	reason for making certain	Identify examples of a food	advertising and marketing	Illustrate how food choices	
are good for them.*	food choices.	item associated with a	techniques on food and	from different cultures	Evaluate successful
Commons the feelings of	Describe he des signals that	neighborhood, city, state, or	beverage choices.*	meet nutrient needs.	marketing and advertising
Compare the feelings of hunger and fullness.	Describe body signals that tell people when they are	country.	Investigate historical	Identify how emotions	techniques.
nunger and runness.	hungry and when they are		reasons for making certain	influence food choices, and	Explain how factors such as
	full.		food choices.	how food choices may	geography, transportation,
	Tun.		lood choices.	affect emotions.	and world trade agreements
			Identify how heredity may	arreet emotions.	influence food choices.
			influence body size and	Analyze the impact of	initiachee food choices.
			shape.	nutritional choices on	Analyze the impact of
			shupe.	future reproductive and	various influences,
			Identify how physical and	prenatal health.*	including the environment,
			psychological factors affect	I	on eating habits and
			taste.	Analyze the influence of	attitudes toward weight
				technology and media on	management.*
			Analyze how to respect an	physical activity* and food	č
			individual's personal	choices.	
			decisions about food		
			choices.	Identify examples of	
				barriers to making healthy	
				food and fitness choices.	

Overarching Health Education Standard, Accessing Valid Health Information: All students will demonstrate the ability to access and analyze health information, products, and services.

Corresponding Overarching Nutrition Education Competency 3:

⇒ All students will demonstrate the ability to access nutrition information, products, and services and determine the accuracy and validity of nutrition claims.

K	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12
Demonstrate the difference between good advice about food choices and advertisements for	Identify resources for reliable information about healthy foods.*	Identify resources for valid information about safe and healthy foods.*	Locate age-appropriate guidelines for eating and physical activity.*	Distinguish between valid and invalid sources of nutrition information.*	Access sources of accurate information about safe and healthy weight management.*
selling products, such as high-sugar cereals.		Use food labels to determine nutrient and sugar content.*	Interpret information provided on food labels.*	Evaluate the accuracy of claims about dietary supplements and popular diets.*	Evaluate the accuracy of claims about food and dietary supplements.*
				Describe how to access nutrition information about foods offered in restaurants in one's community.*	Describe how to use nutrition information on food labels to compare products.*
				Identify places where youths and families can be physically active.*	Describe criteria for assessing the validity of nutrition information.
				Identify trusted adults in one's family, school, and community for advice and counseling regarding baseliky acting and physical	Evaluate the accuracy of claims about the safety of fitness products.*
				healthy eating and physical activity.*	Describe community programs and services that help people gain access to affordable, healthy foods.*
					Analyze Nutrition Facts food labels to compare Calorie and macronutrient content.

Overarching Health Education Standard 4, Interpersonal Communication: All students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health.

Corresponding Overarching Nutrition Education Competency 4:

 \Rightarrow All students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to optimize food choices and health outcomes.

K	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12
Explain how to ask family members for healthy food options.*	Demonstrate how to ask family members for healthy food options.* Demonstrate the ability to respect differences in body shapes and sizes.	Demonstrate effective communication skills to ask for healthy food choices.*	Use communication skills to deal effectively with influences from peers and media regarding food choices and physical activity.*	Demonstrate the ability to use effective skills to model healthy decision making and prevent over consumption of foods and beverages.* Practice effective communication skills with parents, guardians, or trusted adults regarding healthy nutrition and physical activity choices.*	Analyze positive strategies to communicate healthy eating and physical activity needs at home, at school, and in the community.* Practice how to refuse less- nutritious foods in social settings.* Describe examples of communication techniques to ensure safe, healthy foods are available in our environment.

Overarching Health Education Standard 5, Decision Making: All students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health.

Corresponding Overarching Nutrition Education Competency 5:

 \Rightarrow All students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to optimize food choices and health outcomes.

K	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12
K Describe ways to participate regularly in active play and enjoyable physical activities.* Name or show foods that are favorites to eat.	1-2 Use a decision-making process to select healthy foods.* Compare and contrast healthy and less-healthy food choices for a variety of settings.*	3-4 Describe how to use a decision-making process to select nutritious foods and beverages.* Compare nutritional values of a variety of similar food items. Describe how to use a decision-making process to select healthy options for physical activity.*	5-6 Use a decision-making process to identify healthy foods for meals and snacks.* Use a decision-making process to determine activities that increase physical fitness.* Compare personal eating and physical activity patterns with current age- appropriate guidelines.*	7-8 Use a decision-making process to evaluate daily food intake for meeting nutritional requirements.* (Identify recreational activities that increase physical activity.) Contrast healthy and risky approaches to weight management.*	9-12 Analyze how nutritional needs are affected by age, gender, activity level, pregnancy, and health status.* Use a decision-making process to plan nutritionally adequate meals at home and away from home.* Assess the advantages and disadvantages of daily multiple vitamin and mineral supplements. Demonstrate how to use safe food handling procedures when preparing meals and snacks.*

Overarching Health Education Standard 6, **Goal Setting:** All students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health.

Corresponding *Overarching Nutrition Education Competency 6*:

 \Rightarrow All students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance nutrition and health.

K	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12
Set a goal to use manners when consuming meals at	Set a short-term goal to choose healthy foods for	Make a plan to choose healthy foods and	Monitor personal progress toward a nutritional goal.*	Make a personal plan for improving one's nutrition	Assess one's personal nutrition needs and
school.	snacks and meals.*	beverages.*	toward a nutritional goar.	and incorporating physical activity into daily	physical activity level.*
				routines.*	Develop practical solutions for removing barriers to healthy eating and physical activity.*
					Create a personal nutrition and physical activity plan based on current guidelines.*

Overarching Health Education Standard 7, Practicing health-enhancing behaviors: All students will demonstrate the ability to practice behaviors that reduce risk and promote health.

Corresponding *Overarching Nutrition Education Competency* 7:

\Rightarrow All students will demonstrate the ability to practice nutrition-related behaviors that reduce risk and promote health.

K	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12
Select nutritious snacks.*	Examine the importance of	Practice how to take	Identify ways to choose	Develop a menu that meets	Select healthy foods and
	eating a nutritious breakfast	personal responsibility for	healthy snacks based on	the recommendations of the	beverages in a variety of
Plan a nutritious	every day.*	eating healthy foods.*	current research-based	current USDA guide for	settings.*
breakfast.*			guidelines.*	daily food choices.	
	Plan a nutritious meal.*	Practice how to take			Design menus based of
Choose healthy foods in a		personal responsibility for	Demonstrate how to	Make healthy food choices	food guidelines according
variety of settings.*	Select healthy beverages.*	limiting sugar consumption	prepare a healthy meal or	in a variety of settings.*	to age, gender, and activity
Demonstrate hand	Examine the criteria for	in foods, snacks, and	snack using sanitary food	Develop a plan for making	level.
Demonstrate hand		beverages.*	preparation and storage practices.*	Develop a plan for making informed decisions about	Demonstrate the use of the
washing before handling or eating foods.	choosing a nutritious snack.*	Identify ways to establish	practices.*	food choices using the food	Dietary Reference Intakes
of eating foods.	Shack.	and maintain healthy eating	Demonstrate the ability to	cycle.	to assess dietary quality.
	Record foods consumed	practices consistent with	balance food intake and	cycle.	to assess thetaly quality.
	and use the current USDA	current research-based	physical activity.*	Explain proper food	Critique one's personal diet
	guide for daily food choices	guidelines for a	physical activity:	handling safety when	for overall balance of key
	to classify food groups	nutritionally balanced	Practice using the nutrition	preparing meals and	nutrients.
	selected.	diet.*	facts label and product	snacks.*	
			ingredient list on food		Identify strategies for
	*Participate in physical	Demonstrate the	products and explain how	Use unit pricing to select	eating more fruits and
	activities with friends and	preparation of a nutritious	the information provided	the healthiest foods at the	vegetables.*
	family.	snack	may help make food	most economic prices.	
			choices.		Describe how to take more
	Demonstrate safe practices			Demonstrate food	personal responsibility for
	for handling and preparing			preparation skills to	eating healthy foods.*
	foods at school.			enhance the appeal, taste,	
				and nutritional value of	Participate in school and
				foods.	community activities that
					promote fitness and health.*
					neann.*
					Demonstrate ways to
					purchase healthy foods
					within budget constraints.

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Overarching Health Education Standard 8, Health Promotion:

All students will demonstrate the ability to promote and support personal, family, and community health.

Corresponding Overarching Nutrition Education Competency 8:

⇒ All students will demonstrate the ability to promote and support a sustainable, nutritious food supply and healthy lifestyles for families and communities.

К	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12
Prepare a healthy snack	Practice making healthy	Support others in making	Encourage and promote	Encourage nutrient-dense	Advocate for enhanced
	eating choices with friends	positive food and physical	healthy eating and	food choices in school.*	nutritional options in the
Practice selecting foods	and family.*	activity choices.*	increased physical activity		school and community.*
that are in season			opportunities at school and	Evaluate various	
	Practice selecting a food		in the community.*	approaches to maintaining	Educate family and peers
Identify and try a new fruit	that is grown locally.			a healthy weight.*	about choosing healthy
or vegetable.			Use different cultural		foods.*
			traditions to plan meals.	Support increased	
				opportunities for physical	Examine who makes food
				activity at school and in the community.*	policy and how consumers may influence food policy.
				Encourage peers to eat	Develop an action plan to
				healthy foods and to be	increase awareness of the
				physically active. *	local, national, or global
					factors that influence the
				Explain how our food	quantity and quality of
				choices influence the food	food.
				supply of the future.	
					Describe an example of a
				Educate family and peers	nutritional problem in
				about the advantages of	another country and a
				selecting locally grown, seasonal foods.	possible solution.
					Discuss methods
					consumers may use to
					influence the food industry.
					Examine who makes food
					policy and how consumers
					may influence food policy.