

## **What exactly is written into the Health and PE standards?**

We encourage everyone to read the standards and the **suggested** activities and resources. The standards can be found using this [link](#).

Included in the standards, among other topics, is the need for all individuals to feel welcome and included, regardless of their gender, gender expression, or sexual orientation. The standards also outline when New Jersey students should learn about topics such as sexual orientation, gender identity and anatomy

## **What is the difference between standards and curriculum?**

Standards are a blueprint that describe expectations of what students should know and be able to do. They guide the development of curriculum by each individual district.

Teachers and school district leadership typically develop curriculum. It is proposed to the local board of education, which must, by law, vote to adopt. Individual districts have control over their curriculum and specific lesson plans.

## **Will parents be permitted to opt-out from portions of the curriculum they feel is against their beliefs?**

Yes. Parents will be permitted to opt-out of portions of the curriculum they feel is in contrast to their moral conscience or beliefs. In fact, [New Jersey Statute 18A: 35-4.7](#) permits parents to opt out for a variety of reasons.

## **How will parents know what resources a teacher is using for units in the curriculum?**

Parents will be provided with a list of resources that could be used by teaching staff to present certain topics in the curriculum. This list will be found in the OCS Curriculum links on the school's website. The full list should be up and running by the end of September.

## **If there is a new Chief School Administrator, how do we know that this current policy will still be in place?**

The current view of teaching abstinence and not teaching topics such as masturbation, oral or anal sex will continue until the standards are revised to be more practical. Ultimately, a new CSA and Board of Education will be expected to oversee the curriculum.

**How will I know when certain units that I might object to will be taught?**

The curriculum pacing guide will provide a timeframe for lessons.

**When will the standards be revised or examined for possible revision?**

Typically, the NJDOE revises curriculum every three to four years. The 2020 Health/ PE standards did undergo some slight revision this past summer prior to their implementation this school year.