

# **Junior High Curriculum**



Teacher Outline v4.3 Lessons 1-10

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## **Overview of Curriculum & Guidelines for Instruction**

Check the Facts consist of ten lesson plans designed to present a balanced curriculum that complies with the California Healthy Youth Act (AB329) and National and State Health Standards without layers of oversexualized content and imagery that are common among other programs. The mission of Check the Facts is to educate, equip, and empower students to make life affirming choices for their overall optimal health and well-being by providing instruction that is evidence informed, science based, medically accurate, unbiased and age-appropriate.

Check the Facts curriculum includes information and skills regarding decision making, goal setting, values, how to access information, the importance of trusted adults, communication skills, fetal development, teen pregnancy, STD, HIV, abstinence, contraception, negotiation and refusal skills, consent, and facts about healthy and unhealthy relationships. Check the Facts curriculum uses hands-on learning activities such as games, role plays and discussions to build knowledge, skills, and awareness that help students reduce risks of unplanned pregnancies, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The intended audience for *Check the Facts* includes junior high and high school students. Instruction and materials are for use with pupils of all races, genders, sexual orientations, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds, pupils with disabilities, and English language learners.

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To meet the requirements of the California Healthy Youth Act (AB329), ten days or a minimum of 450 minutes of instruction time is required. *Check the Facts* curriculum is aligned to, and meets all the requirements of the California Healthy Youth Act (AB329) and National and State Health Standards.

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# Introduction: My Goals. My Future. Teacher Outline

### **Lesson Overview:**

In this lesson students will review the ground rules for the *Check the Facts* program. The lesson brings awareness to the fact that the decisions students are making right now can have an impact on their future. Students will be empowered to take control of their personal health and wellbeing with a discussion and reflection time about wise decision making and SMART goal setting. It is important for students to recognize that they are not alone. The lesson also covers the importance of having Trusted Adults in their lives and builds awareness about the resources that are available to them.

# Objectives:

- Set ground rules for the Check the Facts program to ensure a safe environment for learning.
- 2. Reinforce awareness that the decisions students are making right now can have an impact on their future.
- 3. Empower students to take control of decisions related to their sexual health.
- 4. Emphasize the importance of communicating with a Trusted Adult.
- 5. Give students a list of reproductive and sexual health services in our area. In addition, provide national resources that coincide with topics covered in the *Check the Facts* program.

# **Topics Addressed:**

- 1. Program goals and procedures
- 2. Introduction of adolescence short-term & long-term SMART goals
- 3. The importance of Trusted Adults
- 4. Locating resources

#### Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. Introduction
- B. Setting the Ground Rules
- C. Resources
- D. Ages & Stages
- E. Purpose of Check the Facts
- F. What is Success?

- G. Goal Setting
- H. The Importance of Trusted
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## Lesson 1.5

# Reproductive Systems Review Teacher Outline

## **Lesson Overview:**

This lesson explains the reproductive systems of male and female bodies (biological sex). It is important for teens to understand how their body works and the medically accurate definitions for each body part. Upon completion of this lesson students will be able to identify, describe, and summarize the sexual and reproductive parts, function, location, as well as the path of an egg during ovulation and the path of sperm during ejaculation.

# Objectives:

- 1. Explain the difference between biological sex and gender.
- 2. Identify parts of the reproductive systems.
- Describe the reproductive systems including body parts and their functions.
- 4. Summarize reproductive systems and their functions, including the path of an egg during ovulation and the path of sperm during ejaculation.

# **Topics Addressed:**

- 1. Biological sex vs. gender
- 2. Anatomy of the Reproductive System
- 3. Menstrual cycle

## **Lesson Plan Outline:**

- A. Introduction
- B. Biological Sex, Intersex &Gender Identity

- C. Reproductive Systems
- D. Biological Male Reproductive System Terminology

- E. Biological Male Anatomy
  Review
- F. Biological Female
  Reproductive System
  Terminology

- G. Biological Female Anatomy
  Review
- H. Biological Female
  Reproductive System
- I. Activity: Wrap-Up & Exit Tickets

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# Anatomy, Conception & Fetal Development Teacher Outline

## Lesson Overview:

This lesson describes the stages of pregnancy through a discussion on fetal development. This lesson covers conception through birth and delivery and all the stages in between. This lesson also discusses the importance of prenatal care for both the biological mother and the developing fetus. Upon completing this lesson, students will also be able to identify all legal options for pregnancy.

# Objectives:

- 1. Describe the process of human reproduction by identifying the correct order of steps involved in conception.
- 2. Describe the process of fetal development.
- 3. Emphasize the importance of prenatal care.
- Identify all legal options for pregnancy and discuss possible consequences for each option.

# **Topics Addressed:**

- 1. Fertilization
- 2. Conception
- 3. Fetal development
- 4. Prenatal care

- 5. Abortion
- 6. Parenting
- 7. Safe surrender
- 8. Adoption

## Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. Review
- B. Chromosomes

- C. Anatomy Review
- D. Reproductive Process

- E. Reproductive Cells
- F. Menstrual Cycle
- G. Fertilization/Conception
- H. Twins
- I. Fertility Treatment
- J. Implantation
- K. Fetal Development Timeline:
  First Trimester
- L. Prenatal Care
- M. Abortion
- N. Pregnancy Options

- O. Sexual Health Rights & The Importance of a Trusted Adult
- P. Fetal Development Timeline: Second Trimester
- Q. Fetal Development Timeline:
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- R. Delivery of the Baby
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- T. Activity: Fetal Development Review
- U. Activity: Wrap-Up & Exit Tickets

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# Identity & Exploring Stereotypes Teacher Outline

# **Lesson Overview:**

In this lesson students will be learning about gender identity, different sexual orientations and the harmful effects of stereotypes. This lesson explains that everyone has a gender identity and that people often hold different values on this subject. Upon completing this lesson students will be able to recognize external influences that shape attitudes about gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. The lesson also emphasizes the importance of being inclusive and respectful of all people and an ally in their community.

# Objectives:

- Understand the range of gender roles, identity, and expression across cultures.
- 2. Distinguish between biological sex, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.
- Recognize external influences that shape attitudes about gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.
- Emphasize the importance of being inclusive and respectful of all people.

# **Topics Addressed:**

- 1. Gender identity
- 2. Gender roles/stereotypes
- 3. Gender expression
- 4. Sexual orientation

## **Lesson Plan Outline:**

- A. Introduction
- B. Gender Roles & Stereotypes
- C. LGBTQ+ and Sexual
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- D. Verbal Harassment & Allyship
- E. How to be an Ally & Stand Up
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- F. Resources
- G. Activity: Wrap-Up & Exit Tickets

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# The Facts: STIs – Sexually Transmitted Infections Teacher Outline

## **Lesson Overview:**

In this lesson students will be learning about STIs/STDs also known as sexually transmitted infections/diseases. This lesson discusses the prevalence, signs, symptoms, transmission, impact and treatment of STIs/HIV. Students will learn protective factors to help them avoid or reduce their risk of infection and transmission.

# Objectives:

- 1. Identify what an STI/STD is, their modes of transmission, symptoms, treatment, prevention and their long-term effects.
- 2. Define abstinence and explain why it is the most effective method to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STDs), including HIV.
- 3. Describe personal role/responsibility as well as factors that would contribute to or protect against engaging in risk behaviors.
- Identify medically accurate information and resources about/for contraceptive methods, STDs/HIV, and pregnancy.

# <u>Topics Addressed:</u>

- 1. STIs/STDs
- 2. Causes
- 3. Symptoms

- 4. Treatment
- 5. Long-term effects
- 6. Prevention

## **Lesson Plan Outline:**

- A. Introduction
- B. Why Study STI/STDs & HIV?
- C. STIs vs STDs
- D. Teens & STIs
- E. How Do People Contract STIs?
- F. Most Common Types of STIs
- G. Parasitic
- H. Bacterial

- I. Viral
- J. HIV
- K. HIV Treatment & Prevention
- L. How to Protect Yourself from STIs
- M. Finding Resources
- N. Activity: Wrap-Up & Homework

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# **Contraception**

## Teacher Outline

## **Lesson Overview:**

In this lesson students will have an opportunity to review their goals as a guide to help them with decision making. This lesson will cover all of the FDA approved methods of preventing a pregnancy. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their sexual and reproductive health by understanding the facts about contraception to protect both themselves and their partner. This lesson also explains the importance of talking with a trusted adult when deciding what is best for them.

# Objectives:

- 1. Identify ways to protect yourself from STIs/STDs, including HIV/AIDS.
- 2. Explain the use and the effectiveness of all forms of contraception.

# <u>Topics Addressed:</u>

- 1. Contraception Definitions
- 2. Types of Contraception
- 3. Contraceptive Use

- 4. Contraceptive Effectiveness
- 5. Contraceptive Possible Risks

#### Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. Review Resources
- B. Short Term & Long Term
  Goals: Timeline Activity
- C. Contraception/Birth Control
- D. Fertilization Review
- E. Birth Control Methods

- F. Abstinence
- G. Permanent Methods
- H. Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC)
- I. Side Effects
- J. Hormonal Methods

- K. Barrier Methods
- L. Natural Methods
- M. Conclusion

N. Activity: Wrap-Up & Exit
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# Making Wise Decisions & Choosing to Avoid Risk Teacher Outline

## **Lesson Overview:**

In this lesson students will learn decision making skills that they can apply toward any decisions they may face, now or in the future, related to their overall optimal health. It is important that students are informed and equipped to make these types of decisions to protect themselves from possible consequences. Being informed with this information will allow students to make an educated decision on what is best for them. In addition, students are reminded that they have Trusted Adults in their lives that can help them and that they are not alone.

# Objectives:

- Identify a decision-making model that can be used to make a healthrelated decision.
- 2. Define and discuss the benefits of abstinence.
- 3. Medically define oral sex, anal sex, outer sex, and vaginal sex.
- 4. Compare and contrast potential outcomes of risk behaviors and protective factors.
- 5. Describe factors that contribute to or protect against engaging in risk behaviors.
- 6. Identify physical, emotional, and social effects of sexual activity.
- 7. Use a decision-making model to make a health-related decision.
- 8. Understand the importance of personal responsibility for sexual decisions.

# **Topics Addressed:**

- 1. All Forms of Sexual Activity
- 2. Abstinence
- Possible Consequences or Risk Involved in Sexual Activity
- 4. Risk Avoidance
- 5. Dealing with Peer Pressure

#### Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. Decision Making
- B. Types of Sexual Activity
- C. Sex Now
- D. Peer Pressure
- E. Not Now/Wait

- F. Possible Consequences of Sexual Contact
- G. Activity: Wrap-Up & Exit
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- H. Optional Homework

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# Social Media Awareness

## Teacher Outline

## **Lesson Overview:**

\*\*\*Sensitive Content Warning!!\*\*\*

This lesson explores the possible risks of the online world. Topics include pros and cons of the internet, pornography, posting or sending inappropriate messages, a person's digital footprint, sexting, the laws related to minors sending or posting sexually explicit images, and cyberbullying. This lesson also shines a light on suicide and depression. Students learn how the media tends to pair cyberbullying with suicide (meaning that cyberbullying would be the cause), but students will learn that suicide is multi-faceted and there is no one single reason why someone would choose to die by suicide. Students are encouraged to be kind always because everyone is fighting a battle they know nothing about!

# Objectives:

- 1. Identify positive and negative impacts of social media.
- 2. Identify activities on social media that can damage a person's public image.
- 3. Discuss the importance of maintaining an appropriate public image via social media.
- 4. Understand the dangers and outcomes of taking personal photographs and sharing them online or through text messages or other social media platforms.
- 5. Develop skills to help prevent cyberbullying and/or how to respond and help if someone they know is being bullied.
- 6. Review challenges teens may face today in mental health as well as where to find support.

# **Topics Addressed:**

- The Pros & Cons of Social Media
- 2. Defining Risky Behavior
- 3. Inappropriate Content
- 4. Digital Footprints

- 5. Sexting
- 6. Cyberbullying
- 7. Suicide Prevention
- 8. Teen Depression

# **Lesson Plan Outline:**

- A. Introduction
- B. Risk & Benefits of the Internet
- C. Sharing Inappropriate Messages
- D. Digital Footprints
- E. Sexting
- F. Cyberbullying

- G. Suicides Prevention & Awareness
- H. Teen Depression
- I. THINK
- J. Activity: Wrap-Up & Exit
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# Social Media Safety

## Teacher Outline

## **Lesson Overview:**

In this lesson students will discover what are inappropriate requests both online and off - define grooming, and be made aware of the prevalence and nature of human trafficking. This lesson also teaches students strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking. Upon completing this lesson students will have a better understanding of how to stay safe online.

# Objectives:

- Identify harmful and violent social media content they witness, experience, and post.
- 2. Describe what grooming means and how it might be used.
- 3. Identify the prevalence, nature, and strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking.
- 4. Develop ways to stay safe online.

# **Topics Addressed:**

- 1. Inappropriate Request
- 2. Grooming
- 3. Human Trafficking

- 4. Personal Information
- Creating a Safe Online Community

## **Lesson Plan Outline:**

- A. Inappropriate Requests
- B. Grooming
- C. Human Trafficking
- D. Strategies to Protect Yourself
- E. Protecting Personal Information
- F. Activity: Wrap-Up & Exit
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# Healthy Relationships: Part I Teacher Outline

## **Lesson Overview:**

In this lesson students will be learning about healthy relationships. Students are encouraged to set standards for themselves in current or future relationships. Students will discover the difference between what a healthy relationship is and what an unhealthy or abusive relationship is. Statistics state that 1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by someone they are in a relationship with before they become adults, so understanding the characteristics of each type of relationship is important. This lesson also looks at the importance of healthy communication, providing tips as well as an activity to practice how to communicate effectively.

# Objectives:

- Discuss how to set standards for yourself and why you should have them.
- 2. Describe characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships.
- 3. Discuss ways to support peers in an abusive or violent relationship.
- Explain how to build and maintain healthy family, peer, and dating relationships.
- 5. Identify ways to communicate effectively in a variety of relationships.
- 6. Demonstrate communication skills that foster healthy relationships.

# <u>Topics Addressed:</u>

- 1. Standards
- 2. Types of Relational Abuse
- 3. Healthy Communication

## **Lesson Plan Outline:**

- A. Setting Standards
- B. Respect
- C. Genuine Vs. Imitation Love
- D. Healthy Communication
- E. Tips for Communicating Effectively

- F. How to Communicate When You are Angry
- G. Conclusion
- H. Activity: Wrap-Up & Exit Tickets

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# Healthy Relationships: Part II Teacher Outline

## **Lesson Overview:**

In this lesson students will be building their awareness of sexually violent crimes, and understand the importance of affirmative consent. Consent is defined as permission for something to happen, or an agreement to do something. Students learn that consent includes words and actions that show that someone really truly wants to do what they are about to do. Students will also recognize that people have the right to their own bodies through a conversation about setting boundaries. This lesson teaches students ways to prevent and protect themselves from this risk. Upon completion of this lesson students will develop a SMART plan to continue to communicate and maintain their personal boundaries and values.

# Objectives:

- 1. Discuss boundaries and explain people's rights to their own bodies.
- 2. Define what consent is and identify ways that affirmative consent can be communicated and accepted.
- 3. Build awareness of sexually violent crimes.
- Identify the prevalence, nature, and strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking.
- 5. Develop a SMART plan to communicate and maintain personal boundaries and values.
- 6. Practice applying concepts learned to real-life scenarios.

# **Topics Addressed:**

- 1. Boundaries
- 2. Sexually Violent Crimes
- 3. Consent

- **4.** Applying the Think SMART Plan to Real-Life Scenarios
- Finding Resources & Seeking Help From a Trusted Adult

## Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. What are Boundaries?
- B. Setting Your Boundary Lines
- C. Sexual Assault
- D. Consent
- E. Responsibility & Consent

- F. Think SMART
- G. Activity: Cumulative Review: Jeopardy
- H. Activity: Wrap-Up

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