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## **REVIEW OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS BEGINS**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – The Kentucky Department of Education has begun the review and revision process for current academic standards in health education and physical education.

Educators have taught the state's current health education and physical education standards in Kentucky classrooms since 2006. Standards outline what students are expected to learn in each grade to successfully transition to the next level of learning – not how they are taught. The curriculum or methods and materials used to teach the standards is decided at the local level.

Senate Bill 1 (2017) calls for the Kentucky Department of Education to implement a process for reviewing all academic standards and aligned assessments beginning in the 2017-18 school year. The current schedule calls for one or two content areas to be reviewed each year and every six years after that on a rotating basis.

The current health education and physical education standards are now available for public feedback online at the following links:

- Health education standards: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KYHealthEd>
- Physical education standards: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KYPhysEd>

All Kentuckians are invited to provide comment on the current standards, which will remain in place until new standards are approved. The Kentucky Department of Education will collect initial feedback on the current health and P.E. standards until July 10.

In accordance with the guidelines for standard development provided in Senate Bill 1 (2017), the public feedback collected will be provided to the Revision/Development Committee (RDC) to inform the work of all advisory panels that will begin work on standards revision in summer 2017. The members of those committees will be announced by June 15.

Health education and physical education standards have been part of the practical living and career studies content area but are being considered separately for revision and review. Work will begin on the career studies standards shortly.

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