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Strand 1: Physical Health and Hygiene

- Topic: Preventative health
Kindergarten and First (C) Concerned about addressing the importance of immunization at these grade levels. Immunization practices should not be introduced until Grade 2.

Strand 2: Mental Health and Wellness

- Topic: Healthy and unhealthy relationships: Conflict Resolutions
Conflict resolution is not addressed until Grade 3 and should be address earlier Kindergarten through Grade 2, with methods and strategies practiced for resolving conflicts.

Strand 3: Healthy eating and physical activity

- No concerns

Strand 4: Injury and Violence Prevention and Safety

- Topic: Online safety (including identity protection, see something-say something, online predators)
Demonstrate how it get help from a teacher, parent, or trusted adult when made to feel bullied, uncomfortable, or unsafe online: needs to begin at the Kindergarten level.

Strand 5: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

- No concerns

Strand 6: Reproductive and Sexual Health

- No concerns
The concerns raised in the “Inclusivity” section of the feedback letter stated LGBT adolescents are at increased risk for bullying, suicide attempts, homelessness, alcohol use, and risky sex. All of those topics are addressed in the recommended drafts of the Health TEKS.
Bullying: Strand 3: Injury and Violence Prevention; Bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment
Suicide Attempts: Strand 2: Mental Health and Wellness; Self-harm
Homelessness: Strand 2: Mental Health and Wellness; Socio-cultural factors
Alcohol use: Strand 5: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs; Through-out
Risky Sex: Strand 6: Reproductive and Sexual Health; Pregnancy, STDs/STIs, Emotional Risk, Prevention, and Legal Risk