



HEALTH EDUCATION TEACHER LEADERS

FACT SHEET

Health Education Teacher Leaders are the bridge between School Health Programs Department and students.

Historical Background: The Health Education Teacher Leaders program was established in 1997 to support the implementation of the Comprehensive Health Education Program. It is based upon utilization of best practices, modeling, mentoring and providing technical assistance to teachers and school sites.

What is the goal of the Health Education Teacher Leaders?

The goal is to increase teachers and school sites ability to implement a comprehensive school health program.

What are Health Education Teacher Leaders?

Health Education Teacher Leaders provide professional development, modeling, and support to teachers related to research-based “best practices” in health education and current health-related issues. In addition, they assist with the implementation of the District’s health education curriculum, assist with the implementation of the District’s health education standards, and develop strategies to integrate health concepts and skills across other disciplines.

Health Education Teacher Leaders (HTLs) are selected on the basis of their prior experience, their written, oral and performance reviews and the approval of the site administrator. They are experienced health education teachers and curriculum leaders representing elementary and middle schools. SHPD provides HTLs with extensive professional development to ensure high quality mentoring, and delivery of professional development. HTLs work with an assigned cluster of schools to support implementation of the district’s health education curriculum. Health Education Teacher Leaders receive additional compensation and serve for a minimum of one year.

Activities within SFUSD and School Health Programs Department that support health education programs:

- Health Advocates
- Healthy School Teams
- Comprehensive School Health Programs
- CDC-HIV Prevention
- Safe Schools/Healthy Student Initiative
- Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities
- Tobacco Use Prevention Education
- Middle School Coordinator

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