

Healthy Relationships: Teen Dating Violence

Summary

As teens develop relationships, it is pertinent that they grow an understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships. This lesson focuses on the basics of relationships and dating violence.

Main Core Tie

Health Education II (9-12)

[Strand 6: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT \(HD\) Standard HII.HD.8](#)

Time Frame

2 class periods of 45 minutes each

Group Size

Small Groups

Life Skills

Thinking & Reasoning, Character

Intended Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to identify healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Students will be able to identify abuse.

Students will know what to do in cases of abuse.

Instructional Procedures

Introduction to Healthy and Unhealthy Teen Relationships

Introduce the unit, disclose that this could be a touchy subject for many and respect is key.

Establish the ground rules for this type of unit (you may already have these established in your classroom, but it is a good reinforcement):

Everyone has the right to participate

Respect all opinions.

All questions are welcome.

Do not interrupt each other, only one person should talk at a time.

Listen to each other.

Talk about your own stories and not about others in the group.

Personal stories stay in the room.

Respect each other's feelings.

No put-downs or insults like making fun or laughing.

Divide your class into seven groups, this will designate which presentation they will be working on.

Distribute the "Healthy Relationship Presentations" handout, one to each group.

Review the guidelines and field any questions regarding the project. This can be a brainstorming or researched if the students have ready internet access.

Give each group 15-20 minutes to create a poster.

Meet back together and allow each group about 5 minutes to present their question.

Welcome feedback and questions from the rest of the class.

Video "Causing Pain: Real Stories of Dating Abuse and Violence"

13-minute video about true stories of youth who have been in or witnessed abusive

relationships.

Let students know that the characters in the video describe their experiences so you can recognize and prevent dating abuse in your relationships or in the relationships of your friends.

Distribute “Relationships and Warning Signs” handout

Review “Healthy vs Unhealthy Relationship”

i. Ask “how does this list compare to the lists we created?”

Review “Cycle of Violence”

Review “Warning Signs”

Review “What to do if someone you know is being abused”

Personal Assessments:

Formative assessments throughout the activities

Safety Plan Creation

Distribute Safety Plan Booklet to each student

Review each section with the students

Dating Violence Quiz

Wrap-Up:

Distribute “Unhealthy Relationships Pamphlet”

Allow students 5 minutes to review

Ask if there are any questions

Review contact information on back of pamphlet

Assessment Plan

Personal Assessments:

Formative assessments throughout the activities

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Dating Violence Quiz

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