	Skill Expectations 6-8
Mental and Emotional Health	 Describe positive and negative influences on mental and emotional health. Identify trusted adults and professionals who can help assist with mental and emotional health. Demonstrate how to effectively communicate needs, wants, and feelings in healthy ways. Demonstrate effective active listening skills including paying attention, and verbal and nonverbal feedback. Demonstrate effective refusal skills, including firmly saying "no" and moving away, to avoid participating in emotionally unhealthy behaviors. Describe how to effectively communicate care and concern for others. Describe how family, peers, culture, technology, or media can influence mental and emotional health. Identify people who can help achieve a goal to improve or maintain positive mental and emotional health. Demonstrate healthy mental and emotional health practices. Demonstrate how to encourage peers to make healthy mental and emotional health choices.
Food and Nutrition	 Explain the importance of being responsible for the personal eating behaviors that are within one's control. Demonstrate eating patterns and behaviors to improve the health of oneself and others. Analyze the validity of nutrition products and information (e.g., differentiate between scientifically or medically accurate content and advertising, including sponsored content). Describe situations that call for professional nutrition services. Identify false or misleading claims on food packaging and promotions. Explain how family, culture, technology, media, peers, and personal beliefs affect a decision related to food and nutrition. Assess personal eating practices. Explain how personal values, beliefs, and social expectations influence healthy and unhealthy food choices. Analyze how food advertisements (e.g., product placement, commercials, billboards, sponsored content) make people want to eat more of that food.

Violence Prevention	 Analyze how family, community, media, and peers can influence violence practices and behaviors. Demonstrate the use of effective verbal and nonverbal communication skills to prevent violence. Demonstrate how to effectively ask for assistance to prevent violence. Demonstrate healthy ways to manage or resolve conflict to prevent violence. Describe situations that call for professional violence prevention or intervention services. Determine when potentially violent situations require a decision. Assess personal violent and nonviolent practices. Explain the importance of being responsible for practicing violence prevention behaviors. Demonstrate giving, receiving, and refusing verbal consent in interactions with peers and other adults.
Safety	 Commit to practicing safety and injury prevention. Demonstrate healthy ways to manage or resolve conflict to avoid or reduce injury Demonstrate how to effectively ask for assistance to avoid or reduce personal injury Demonstrate how to manage personal information in electronic communications and when using social media (e.g., chat groups, e-mail, texting, websites, phone and tablet applications) to protect the personal safety of oneself and others Describe situations that call for professional safety and injury prevention services. Analyze how media and technology influence safety and injury prevention practices and behaviors. Analyze how peers influence safety and injury prevention practices.

Alcohol and Drug-Use Prevention	 Explain how school rules, laws, and other social expectations (e.g., legal drinking age) influence alcohol- and other drug-related choices and behaviors. Explain how personal values and beliefs influence alcohol- and other drug-use choices and behaviors. Describe how alcohol- and other drug-use can influence the likelihood of engaging in other unhealthy behaviors. Describe situations that call for professional alcohol- and other drug-use treatment services. Access valid and reliable alcohol- and other drug-use prevention information from home, school, or community. Demonstrate effective peer resistance skills to avoid or reduce alcohol- and other drugs. Demonstrate how to effectively ask for assistance to quit using alcohol or other drugs. Demonstrate how to effectively communicate empathy and support to a family member or friend who is trying to quit alcohol- or other drug-use. Persuade others to avoid driving while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
Personal Health and Wellness	 Describe how some personal health risk behaviors, such as using alcohol and other drugs, influence the likelihood of engaging in other unhealthy personal health and wellness-related behaviors. Analyze how family and culture influence personal health and wellness-related practices and behaviors. Analyze how school, media, and peers influence personal health and wellness. Analyze the validity of personal health and wellness products. Choose a healthy alternative when making a personal health and wellness-related decision. Assess personal health and wellness-related practices. Collaborate with others to advocate for individuals, families, and schools to be healthy.
Sexual Health	 Demonstrate giving, receiving, and refusing verbal consent in interactions with peers and other adults. Explain how family, culture, technology, media, peers, and personal beliefs can affect sexual health-related decisions. Demonstrate the effective use of verbal and nonverbal communication skills to promote healthy relationships. Demonstrate how to manage personal information in electronic communications and when using social media (e.g., chat groups, e-mail, texting, websites, phone and tablet applications) to protect the sexual health of oneself and others. Demonstrate effective peer resistance skills to avoid or reduce sexual risk behaviors. Assess relationships, practices, and behaviors related to sexual and reproductive health. Explain the importance of being responsible for practicing sexual abstinence. Persuade others to avoid teasing, bullying, or stigmatizing others based on their personal characteristics. Collaborate with others to advocate for safe, respectful, and responsible relationships. Explain how friends, family, media, society, and culture can influence self-concept and body image. Analyze how peers influence sexual relationships, practices, and behaviors. Demonstrate how to effectively communicate support for peers when aspects of their sexuality are different from one's own. Set a realistic goal related to maintaining personal hygiene during puberty. Explain the importance of being responsible for practicing safer sexual behaviors.

• Describe situations that call for professional sexual and reproductive healthcare services.