

Health and Career Education 8 and 9: Frequently Asked Questions

What is Health and Career Education 8 and 9?

Health and Career Education 8 and 9 (HCE) is a revision to, and replaces, CAPP 8 and CAPP 9 as a required area of study.

The aim of Health and Career Education 8 and 9 is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will assist them in making informed decisions related to their health, their education, and their future careers.

Important Timelines

- Public Review and Feedback: November/December 2004 (Working title was Planning 8 and 9)
- District In-depth Reviews: November/December 2004 (Kootenay Lake, #8; Surrey, #36 Cowichan Valley, #79)
- Final IRP posted to Ministry web site: June 2006
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp_hce.htm
- Print Distribution to schools: June/July 2005
- French Translation available: September 2006 (Éducation à la santé et à la carrière)
- Implementation: Optional September 2005; Full September 2006

Why was CAPP revised?

The curriculum review report for Personal Planning K to 7/Career and Personal Planning 8 to 12 identified recommendations for curriculum improvements. This report is available at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/reports/>

The Graduation Program Review resulted in a new course, Planning 10. Planning 10 replaced Career and Personal Planning for Grades 10 to 12. <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp.htm>

A revision to Personal Planning/CAPP for Grades K to 9 began concurrently with the development of Planning 10, to ensure a consistent alignment of topics and learning outcomes from Kindergarten to Grade 10. This revision also supports other government initiatives related to health-promoting schools <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/health/> and career planning <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/>

The Ministry, in consultation with education partners, has been developing and piloting new components for IRPs that will support teachers with classroom assessment. These new components are included in the revised IRP for HCE 8 and 9.

How does Health and Career Education 8 and 9 compare to CAPP 8 and 9?

Health and Career Education 8 and 9 is similar to CAPP 8 and 9 in that it:

- continues to include important health content such as abuse prevention, sex education, relationships, healthy lifestyles, emotional health, safety and injury prevention, anti-bullying, and alcohol and drug education
- continues to include career exploration and career development topics, including the development of work habits and transferable skills
- is a required area of study
- recommends the same number of instructional hours per grade (45 hours)

Health and Career Education 8 and 9 enhances CAPP in that it:

- incorporates new components that help teachers assess student achievement in the classroom
- reflects greater clarity in the wording of learning outcomes, so that teachers, parents and students will clearly understand the expectations of the curriculum
- reduces the prescribed number of learning outcomes for each grade (Grade 8 - from 39 to 15; Grade 9 - from 40 to 14)
- reduces the number of curriculum organizers from 3 to 2, and reduces the number of suborganizers from 9 to 4
- places an emphasis on informed decision making
- places a greater emphasis on nutrition and healthy eating habits, as part of a balanced healthy lifestyle
- incorporates previous ministry commitments to address the important issue of road safety and to include age appropriate learning outcomes for the prevention of HIV/AIDS

What are the recommended number of hours for teaching Health and Career Education 8 and 9?

The Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Plan (1994) outlined the required areas of study for the intermediate years and, as appropriate, indicates the recommended time allotments for each area of learning. The percentage suggested for CAPP in the Education Plan is 5%. This translates to approximately 50 hours for each of Grade 8 and Grade 9.

There has been no change in this recommended time allotment for Health and Career Education 8 and 9. The number, as well as the breadth and the depth, of the prescribed learning outcomes for Health and Career Education 8 and 9 is based on an estimated 45 hours of instructional time per grade. Although 5% of instructional time is roughly equivalent to 50 hours, the 45-hour total allows for flexibility to address local needs.

What is the recommended delivery model for teaching Health and Career Education 8 and 9?

Schools are responsible for ensuring that all of the prescribed learning outcomes for Health and Career Education for each of Grade 8 and Grade 9 are addressed. Whether schools choose to deliver HCE 8 and 9 in the timetable, or in other ways, is a school and/or district decision. As was the case when CAPP was introduced in 1995, the Ministry is not mandating a specific delivery model.

How do I report Health and Career Education 8 and 9?

At both grades 8 and 9, Health and Career Education is a required area of study and, as such, must be reported. The same reporting guidelines are used to report Health and Career Education 8 and 9 as any other required area of study. The following web sites provide additional information about required areas of study and reporting policy:

Reporting on Student Progress

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reportcards/welcome.htm>

Student Progress Report Order <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/legislation/schoollaw/e/m191-94.pdf>

Required Areas of Study <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/legislation/schoollaw/e/m295-95.pdf>

Reporting Student Progress: Policy and Practice

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reportcards/reporting_student_progress.pdf

How does the Health and Career Education 8 and 9 IRP support teachers with classroom assessment?

To assist teachers with classroom based assessment, the Health and Career Education 8 and 9 IRP includes the following components:

- Suggested Achievement indicators

Achievement indicators are statements that describe what students should be able to do in order to demonstrate that they fully meet the learning outcomes.

- Assessment Overview Table:

The purpose of this table is to provide teachers with suggestions and guidelines for formative and summative assessment and grading.

- The Classroom Assessment Model

This section contains a series of assessment units that address clusters of learning outcomes organized by topic or theme. The units have been developed by BC teachers, and are provided to support classroom assessment. The assessment units address all of the prescribed learning outcomes for each grade.

Are there new learning resources for Health and Career Education 8 and 9?

There are both newly recommended resources and previously recommended CAPP resources, such as *tobaccofacts*, *RoadSense*, and *Student WorkSafe*, included in the Grade Collections for HCE 8 and 9. During the optional year of implementation (2005/2006) several learning resources that are currently under development will be finished and then subsequently evaluated. Information about these newly recommended learning resources will be made available on the Ministry web site:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp_resources/lr/resource/consub.htm

Will there be a French version of Health and Career Education 8 and 9?

The French translation of Health and Career education 8 and 9 will be called *Éducation à la santé et à la carrière 8 et 9*. It will be planned for distribution to schools in September 2006. It will also be available on the Ministry web site <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/firp.htm>.

How do I get copies of Health and Career Education 8 and 9 IRP?

Copies of the Health and Career Education 8 and 9 IRP were sent to all schools offering Grade 8 and 9 in the summer of 2005. The school principal and/or secretary should have information as to how these copies were distributed.

Additional print copies of the HCE 8 and 9 IRP are available from:

Government Publications Services
Phone: (250) 387-6409
Fax: (250) 387-1120
Toll Free within BC: 1-800-663-6105
Web site: <http://www.publications.gov.bc.ca>

Please quote catalogue number **IRP133** when ordering the HCE 8 and 9 IRP.
The price is **13.52 + GST**.

A PDF version of the HCE 8 and 9 IRP is available for download from the following web site:
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/program_delivery/hce89.htm

What is the Health and Career Education 8 and 9 PowerPoint presentation?

The PowerPoint presentation is intended to provide teachers, parents, students, school district staff as well as interested education partners and stakeholders, with a self-directed orientation to the Health and Career Education 8 and 9 IRP. The HCE 8 and 9 Orientation PowerPoint presentation is available at the following web site:
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/program_delivery/hce89.htm