Health eSpotlight Activity

Teen Health Course 3

Chapter 9 Physical Activity and Fitness

VIDEO SUMMARY

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Click here to watch video; 00:06:08

Discussion Questions

- 1. According to the video, what should be included in a personal fitness plan? A healthy eating plan; regular exercise; setting realistic short-term and long-term goals.
- 2. Explain how setting short-term goals can help you achieve your long-term goals. Short-term goals allow you to measure your progress as you work toward meeting your long-term goal.
- **3.** What resources are available to help you achieve your fitness goals? *Answers will vary but may include: community parks, gyms, and school fitness facilities.*

Activity

OBJECTIVE

Students will set short-term and long-term fitness goals and chart progress as part of an overall fitness plan.

Skill Summary: Goal Setting; Practicing Healthful Behaviors

MATERIALS

- paper & pencil
- chart paper for fitness plan

PROCEDURES

- 1. As a class, brainstorm a list of long-term fitness goals.
- **2.** Have each student pick a goal and identify three or more short-term goals that will help the student reach the long-term goal. Goals should be measurable and realistic.
- 3. Create personal and class fitness logs and chart students' progress weekly.

EXTENSION

Have students write a paragraph describing the process of meeting their fitness goals. Paragraphs should include challenges faced and advice about reaching goals successfully.

WEB LINKS AND ADDITIONAL GLENCOE RESOURCES

- Visit Exercise Prescription on the Net to calculate the number of calories expended with various forms of exercise.
- Go to **KidsHealth.org** for an interactive goal-planning tool in which goal-setting is modeled by real teens.



Go to <u>Fitness Zone Online</u> for additional <u>fitness activities</u>, <u>videos</u>, and <u>podcasts</u>.

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