

Appendix C - Mental Health Education Chart

KEY: Yes – Bill signed into law | **Tracking** – Bill introduced but not yet passed | **Standards and Regulation** – State administrative requirements are in place

State	Mental Health Education Leg.	Notes	Current Legislative Session Status (AS OF 6/21/21)
North Carolina			In Regular Session
North Dakota		SB 2311 was passed earlier this year, and in the first version of the bill that was introduced, the bill stated that students K-12 should receive age appropriate instruction on mental health and suicide prevention, but the version of the bill that got enrolled was ammended and no longer included any mention of mental health education for students.	Adjourned
Ohio			In Regular Session
Oklahoma	Yes	Among other things, this bill mandates that certain curriculum include mental health instruction beginning in a certain school year, and also directs the State Board of Education to revise certain standards to include focus on mental health. It also allows schools to enter into partnerships with local mental health agencies.	Adjourned
Oregon	Standards	Address mental health as a dimension of health	In Regular Session
Pennsylvania			In Regular Session
Rhode Island			In Regular Session
South Carolina	Yes; Not Mandatory	This bill instructs the department of education to offer an optional mental health and wellness course in middle school and states that students in high school must complete one course related to mental health or wellness, but specific mental health education is not required.	In Special Session
South Dakota			Adjourned
Tennessee			Adjourned
Texas	Yes, Not Mandatory	School districts are required to offer enrichment curriculum (not required for graduation) on health, including an emphasis on mental health topics such as mental health conditions, substance abuse, skills to manage emotions, establishing and maintaining positive relationships, and responsible decision-making, and suicide prevention, including recognizing suicide-related risk factors and warning signs.	Adjourned
Utah			Adjourned
Vermont	Yes	The statute mandated that the education standards include mental health in the definition of required health education	Adjourned
Virginia	Yes	Requires health instruction to incorporate standards that recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including mental health and the relationship of physical and mental health so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes, and behavior that promote health, well-being, and human dignity. The bill also directs the Board of Education to review and update the health Standards of Learning for students in grades nine and 10 to include mental health. This bill is identical to SB 953.	Adjourned
Washington	Standards		Adjourned
West Virginia			Adjourned
Wisconsin			In Regular Session
Wyoming			Adjourned