

# Illinois Fentanyl Education Bill

In July 2023, the Illinois legislature enacted [House Bill 3924](#) to raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl as a lethal drug. Starting from the 2024-2025 school year, it is mandated that in every state-required health course for grades 9 through 12, a school district should offer instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of fentanyl. The legislation outlines specific requirements for the instruction, study, and discussion, and mandates that students be assessed based on their understanding of the instruction.

The CATCH Fentanyl Facts lesson supports the requirements of [House Bill 3924](#) in the following ways. The Fentanyl Facts lesson can be found in CATCH's comprehensive health education curriculum for K-8, [Health Ed Journeys](#), along with its [Substance Misuse Prevention](#) module for K-12.

Illinois <a href="#">House Bill 3924</a>	Lesson Slides	Content Addressing Components of HB 3924
Grades 9-12: Instruction, study, and discussion on the dangers of fentanyl		
<p><b>1.</b> Information on fentanyl itself, including an explanation of differences between synthetic and nonsynthetic opioids and illicit drugs, the variations of fentanyl itself, and the differences between legal and illegal use of fentanyl</p>	Fentanyl Facts Lesson Slide 2-3	<p><b>Key Learning Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain that illicit drug use is not the norm for students their age.</li> <li>• Describe the danger of using fentanyl.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.</b> The side effects and risk factors of using fentanyl, along with comparing lethal amounts of fentanyl to other drugs</p> <p>Information about the risk factors associated with fentanyl but not limited to:</p> <p><b>A.</b> The lethal dose of fentanyl</p> <p><b>B.</b> How often fentanyl is placed in drugs without a person's knowledge</p>	Fentanyl Facts Slides 4, 9-11	<p><b>Key Learning Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the signs of overdose, including hypoxia, and how to respond if someone is overdosing.</li> <li>• Describe the danger of using fentanyl.</li> <li>• Describe the warning signs for suicide and how to respond.</li> <li>• Describe the top three</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>C.</b> An explanation of what fentanyl does to a person's body &amp; the severity of fentanyl's addictive properties</li> <li><b>D.</b> How the consumption of fentanyl can lead to hypoxia and an explanation of what hypoxia precisely does to a person's body</li> </ul>		<p>facts students need to know about fentanyl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify the substances that fentanyl can be found in.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.</b> Details about the process of lacing fentanyl in other drugs &amp; why drugs get laced with fentanyl</p>	<p>Fentanyl Facts Lesson Slide 4</p>	<p><b>Key Learning Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe the danger of using fentanyl.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b> Details about how to detect fentanyl in drugs and how to save some from an overdose of fentanyl, which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> How to buy and use fentanyl test strips</li> <li><b>B.</b> How to purchase and use naloxone, either through a nasal spray or an injection</li> <li><b>C.</b> How to detect if someone is overdosing on fentanyl</li> </ul>	<p>Fentanyl Facts Lesson Slide 4-10</p>	<p><b>Key Learning Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe the danger of using fentanyl.</li> <li>● Identify the substances that fentanyl can be found in.</li> <li>● Describe the signs of overdose, including hypoxia, and how to respond if someone is overdosing.</li> </ul>
<p>Students shall be assessed on the instruction and may include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> The differences between synthetic and nonsynthetic drugs</li> <li><b>2.</b> Hypoxia</li> <li><b>3.</b> The effects of fentanyl on a person's body</li> <li><b>4.</b> The lethal dose of fentanyl</li> <li><b>5.</b> How to detect and prevent overdoses</li> </ul>	<p>Fentanyl Facts Lesson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Fentanyl Facts Lesson Slides 13-20</b></li> <li>● <b>Performance Based Assessment for grades 9 &amp; 10</b></li> <li>● <b>Performance Based Assessment for grades 11 &amp; 12</b></li> </ul>