

Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes the positive benefits of physical activity on student health and academic achievement. The district shall provide all students the opportunity to be physically active on a regular basis through high-quality physical education instruction and may provide additional opportunities for physical activity throughout the school day. The district's physical education and activity programs shall align with and support the district's Student Wellness Policy (PE) and encourage students' lifelong fitness.

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

The district's physical education program shall provide a developmentally appropriate sequence of instruction aligned with the state's model content standards and curriculum framework. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's program provides students with equal opportunities for instruction and participation regardless of gender in accordance with law.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The overall course of study for grades 9-12 shall include the effects of physical activity upon dynamic health, the mechanics of body movement, aquatics, gymnastics and tumbling, individual and dual sports, rhythms and dance, team sports, and combatives. (Education Code 33352; 5 CCR 10060)

The Board shall approve the courses in grades 9-12 for which physical education credit may be granted. All students shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 20 credits in Physical Education. All 9th grade students must enroll in Physical Education Course 1. Any student who passes 5 of 6 components of the State Physical Fitness Test taken in the 9th grade, are eligible to defer the completion of Course 2 (second year of required physical education) until 10-12th grades.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)

The district's physical education program shall engage students in moderate to vigorous physical activity, as defined in the accompanying administrative regulation, for at least

50 percent of class or session time. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to monitor the amount of moderate to vigorous physical activity that takes place in the physical education instructional program.

Students with disabilities shall be provided instruction in physical education in accordance with their individualized education program or Section 504 accommodation plan.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

During air pollution episodes, extreme weather, or other inclement conditions, physical education staff shall make appropriate adjustments to the program or shall seek alternative indoor space to enable students to participate in active physical education.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)

Staffing

Physical education instruction shall be delivered by appropriately credentialed teachers who may be assisted by instructional aides, paraprofessionals, and/or volunteers. The district shall provide all qualified teachers of physical education with continuing professional development opportunities.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

Physical Fitness Testing

The Superintendent or designee shall annually administer the physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education to students in grades 7 and 9. (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1041)

Temporary Exemptions

The governing board of a school district or the office of the county superintendent of schools of a county may grant a temporary exemption from physical education under either of the following conditions: (Education Code 51241)

1. The student is ill or injured and a modified program to meet his/her needs cannot be provided.
2. The student is enrolled for one-half time or less.

Two-Year Exemptions

The governing board of a school district or the office of the county superintendent of schools of a county, with the student's consent, may exempt a student from physical education courses for any two years during grades 10-12 provided that the student has satisfactorily met at least five of the six standards of the state's physical fitness test in grade 9. (Education Code 51241)

Permanent Exemptions

The governing board of a school district or the office of the county superintendent of schools of a county may grant a permanent exemption from physical education to an individual student under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 51241)

1. Is 16 years of age or older; and has been enrolled in the 10th grade for one academic year or longer; and has passed both Course One and Course Two and/or; is 16 years of age or older and if the student has transferred from a school district that does not mandate two years of Physical Education for graduation;
2. The student is enrolled as a postgraduate student.
3. The student is enrolled in a juvenile home, ranch, camp, or forestry camp school with scheduled recreation and exercise sessions.

Other Exemptions

The governing board of a school district may grant an exemption from physical education under the following special circumstances:

1. The student is in high school and is engaged in a regular school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours. (Education Code 51242)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Additional Opportunities for Physical Activity

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to supplement physical education instruction with additional opportunities for students to be physically active before, during, and after the school day.

(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)
(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development Program)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Program)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board the results of the state physical fitness testing for each school and applicable grade level. He/she shall also report to the Board regarding the number of instructional minutes offered in physical education for each grade level, the number of two-year and permanent exemptions granted pursuant to Education Code 51241, and any other data agreed upon by the Board and the Superintendent or designee to evaluate program quality and the effectiveness of the district's program in meeting goals for physical activity.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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