

Policy 6142.7: Physical Education And Activity

The Governing Board recognizes the positive benefits of physical activity on student health, well-being, 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 support the district's coordinated student wellness program and encourage students' lifelong health and fitness.

Physical education classes shall be conducted in a coeducational, inclusive manner in accordance with law. The district shall provide instruction in physical education that provides equal access and equal opportunities for participation for all students in grades 1-8 regardless of gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, and mental or physical disability, or any other protected status in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. (Education Code 220, 221.5, 33352; 5 CCR 4900, 4930, 4931, 4940, 4960; 34 CFR 106.33, 106.34, 300.108)

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 district's physical education program shall engage students in age-appropriate moderate to vigorous physical activity, as defined in the accompanying administrative regulation, including aerobic, muscle-strengthening, and bone-strengthening activities. 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.

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.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, adopt, and implement weather protocols that incorporate the standardized guidelines compiled by the California Department of Education and that include specific measures to be taken during extreme weather conditions. The adopted weather protocols shall be annually reviewed, evaluated, and if necessary, updated in accordance with law. (Education Code 33355)

During air pollution episodes, extreme weather, or other inclement conditions, physical education staff shall make appropriate adjustments to the program in accordance with the district's extreme weather protocols and/or shall seek alternative indoor space to enable students to participate in active physical education.

The Superintendent or designee may offer an alternate term schedule for grades 6-8 physical education courses in accordance with Education Code 51222 as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

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 physical education teachers with continuing professional development, including classroom management and instructional strategies designed to keep students engaged and active and to enhance the quality of physical education instruction and assessment.

Physical Fitness Testing

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

Temporary Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee may grant a student 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 the student's needs cannot be provided
2. The student is enrolled for one-half time or less

Program Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Governing Board each school's FITNESSGRAM results for each applicable grade level. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Governing 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

Governing Board and the Superintendent or designee to evaluate program quality and the effectiveness of the district's program in meeting goals for physical activity and student well-being.