

INSTRUCTION**Physical Education and Activity**

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 support the district's coordinated student wellness program 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 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)

Instructional Time

All schools will implement Education Code 51210, which requires the adopted course of study for grades 1-6 to include instruction in physical education for at least 200 minutes each 10 school days , exclusive of recesses and the lunch period. Pursuant to Education Code 51223, elementary school districts maintaining grades 1-8 must provide instruction in physical education for students in grades 7-8 that matches the requirement for grades 1-6 of not less than 200 minutes each 10 days, exclusive of recesses and the lunch period.

Staffing

Physical education instruction shall be delivered by appropriately credentialed teachers who may be assisted by instructional aides, paraprofessionals, and/or volunteers.

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

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.

(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 5 and 7. (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1041)

Temporary Exemptions

The Superintendent or designee 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.

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)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 33126 School accountability report card
- 33350-33354 CDE responsibilities re: physical education
- 35256 School accountability report card
- 49066 Grades; physical education class
- 51210 Course of study, grades 1-6
- 51220 Course of study, grades 7-12
- 51222 Physical education
- 51223 Physical education, elementary schools
- 51241 Temporary, two-year or permanent exemption from physical education
- 51242 Exemption from physical education for athletic program participants
- 52316 Excuse from attending physical education classes
- 60800 Physical performance test

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 1040-1048 Physical performance test
- 3051.5 Adapted physical education for individuals with exceptional needs
- 10060 Criteria for high school physical education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

- 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 1751 Note Local wellness policy

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

- 53 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 230 (1970)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Active Bodies, Active Minds: Physical Activity and Academic Achievement, Fact Sheet, February 2010

Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity Through Joint Use of Facilities, Policy Brief, rev. February 2010

Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity During the School Day, Fact Sheet, November 2009

Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity in Physical Education to Improve Health and Academic Outcomes, Fact Sheet, November 2009

CSBA PUBLICATIONS (continued)

Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009

Physical Education and California Schools, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007

Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007

Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Physical Education Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade 12, 2009

Physical Education Model Content Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade 12, January 2005

Adapted Physical Education Guidelines for California Schools, 2003

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

School Health Index for Physical Activity and Healthy Eating: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide for Elementary and Middle/High Schools, 2000

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, October 2008

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Physical Fitness Testing:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):
<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Educational Data System, California physical fitness:
<http://www.eddata.com/projects/current/cpf>

Healthy People 2010: <http://www.healthypeople.gov>

National Association for Sport and Physical Education: <http://www.aahperd.org/naspe>

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports: <http://www.fitness.gov>

The California Endowment: <http://www.calendow.org>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.health.gov>

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