

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY**Definitions**

Physical education is a sequential educational program that teaches students to understand and participate in regular physical activity for developing and maintaining physical fitness throughout their lifetime, understand and improve their motor skills, enjoy using their skills and knowledge to establish a healthy lifestyle, and understand how their bodies work.

Physical activity is bodily movement that is produced by the contraction of skeletal muscle and that substantially increases energy expenditure, including exercise, sport, dance, and other movement forms.

Moderate physical activity is any activity which generally requires sustained, rhythmic movements and refers to a level of effort a healthy individual might expend while, for example, walking briskly, dancing, swimming, or bicycling on level terrain. A person should feel some exertion but should be able to carry on a conversation comfortably during the activity.

Vigorous physical activity is any activity which generally requires sustained, rhythmic movements and refers to a level of effort a healthy individual might expend while, for example, jogging, participating in high-impact aerobic dancing, swimming continuous laps, or bicycling uphill. Vigorous physical activity may be intense enough to result in a significant increase in heart and respiration rate.

Instructional Time

Instruction in physical education shall be provided for at least the following minimum period of time: (Education Code 51210, 51222, 51223)

1. For students in grades 1-6, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recesses and the lunch period
2. For students in grades 7-8 attending an elementary school, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recesses and the lunch period
3. For students in grades 7-8 attending a middle school or junior high school, 400 minutes each 10 school days
4. For students in grades 9-12, 400 minutes each 10 school days

If the instructional minute requirement cannot be met during any 10-day period due to inclement weather, a school assembly, field trip, student assessment, or other circumstance, the school shall make up those minutes on another day in order to satisfy the instructional minute requirement.

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The Superintendent or designee shall determine a method to document compliance with the required number of instructional minutes. Such documentation may include, but not be limited to, a master schedule, teacher roster, or log for staff or students to record the number of physical education minutes completed.

Any complaint alleging noncompliance with the instructional minute requirement for elementary schools may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complainant not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE). If the district or the CDE finds merit in a complaint, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians. (Education Code 51210, 51223; 5 CCF 4600-4687)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Monitoring Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity

To monitor whether students are engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity for at least 50 percent of physical education class or session time, the Superintendent or designee may:

1. Develop methods to estimate the amount of time students spend in moderate to vigorous physical activity or the number of students who are inactive during physical education classes
2. Provide physical education teachers with staff development, self-monitoring tools, stopwatches, and/or heart rate monitors to assist them in planning and assessing the level of activity in their classes

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

Medical Release from Physical Education Participation

A student with a medical impairment that impacts the student's ability to actively participate in their physical education class will be provided with modified assignments/activities. The following is a progressive list of expectations for students with medical impairments based on the duration of the impairment:

One Week or Less

Students on restricted/modified activity for one week or less will be expected to:

1. Provide a parent/guardian note to the teacher indicating the medical impairment
2. Perform appropriate and applicable modified assignments consistent with the limitations presented by the impairment

One to Seven Weeks

Students on restricted/modified activity for more than one week but less than seven weeks will be expected to:

1. Provide a doctor's note confirming the impairment. An accompanied completed District Physical Education Medical Exempt Form (E 6142.7) is preferred.
2. Perform appropriate and applicable modified assignments consistent with the limitations provided by the doctor

More than Seven Weeks

Students on restricted/modified activity for more than seven weeks:

1. Provide a doctor's note confirming the impairment. An accompanied completed District Physical Education Medical Exempt Form (E 6142.7) is preferred.
2. Student must elect to do one of the following three options:
 - 1) Pass/Fail Option: Continue the Physical Education course with modified instruction and receive a pass/fail final grade
 - 2) Letter Grade Option: Perform modified Physical Education assignments, complete make-up work when physically able, and remain eligible for a letter grade
 - 3) Drop/Retake Option: Drop the Physical Education course

Physical Fitness Testing

During the annual assessment window between the months of February through May, students in grades 5, 7, and 9 shall be administered the physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education (FITNESSGRAM). (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1041)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

The Superintendent or designee may provide a make-up date for students who are unable to take the test based on absence or temporary physical restriction or limitations, such as students recovering from illness or injury. (5 CCR 1043)

On or before November 1 of each school year, the Superintendent may designate an employee to serve as the district's physical fitness test coordinator and so notify the test contractor. The test coordinator shall serve as the liaison between the district and California Department of Education for all matters related to the physical fitness test. His/her duties shall be those specified in 5 CCR 1043.4, including, but not limited to, overseeing the administration of the test and the collection and return of all test data to the test contractor. (5 CCR 1043.4)

Students shall be provided with their individual results after completing the FITNESSGRAM. The test results may be provided in writing or orally as the student completes the testing and shall be included in his/her cumulative record. (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1043.10, 1044)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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Each student's test results shall also be provided to his/her parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall report the aggregate results of the FITNESSGRAM in the annual school accountability report card required by Education Code 33126 and 35256. (Education Code 60800)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

Testing Variations

All students may be administered the FITNESSGRAM with the following test variations: (5 CCR 1047)

1. Extra time within a testing day
2. Test directions that are simplified or clarified

All students may have the following test variations if they are regularly used in the classroom: (5 CCR 1047)

1. Audio amplification equipment
2. Separate testing for individual students provided that they are directly supervised by the test examiner
3. Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present directions for test administration

Students with a physical disability and students who are physically unable to take all of the test shall undergo as much of the test as their physical condition will permit. (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1047)

Students with disabilities may be provided the following accommodations if specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan: (5 CCR 1047)

1. Administration of the test at the most beneficial time of day to the student after consultation with the test contractor
2. Administration of the test by a test examiner to the student at home or in the hospital

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3. Any other accommodation specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan for the physical fitness test

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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

Identified English learners may be allowed the following additional test variations if regularly used in the classroom: (5 CCR 1048)

1. Separate testing with other English learners, provided that they are directly supervised by the test examiner
2. Test directions translated into their primary language, and the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the test directions in their primary language

Additional Opportunities for Physical Activity

The Superintendent or designee shall implement strategies for increasing opportunities for physical activity outside the physical education program, which may include, but not be limited to:

1. Training recess and lunch supervisors on methods to engage students in moderate to vigorous physical activity

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

2. Encouraging teachers to incorporate physical activity into the classroom
3. Establishing extracurricular activities that promote physical activity, such as school clubs, intramural athletic programs, dance performances, special events, and competitions

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

4. Incorporating opportunities for physical activity into before- or after-school programs and/or child care and development programs

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development Program)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

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5. Exploring opportunities for joint use of facilities or grounds in order to provide adequate space for students and community members to engage in recreational activities

(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)

6. Developing business partnerships to maximize resources for physical activity equipment and programs

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

7. Developing programs to encourage and facilitate walking, bicycling, or other active transport to and from school

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)

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SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION MEDICAL EXEMPT FORM

School name: _____

School address: _____

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN	
Student Name:	Date:
Address:	Home Phone:
School:	DOB:
Physician's Name:	Phone:
I give my permission to the SMUHSD to confidentially and discreetly use the content of this form to plan my student's Physical Education Program.	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PHYSICIAN	
Medical diagnosis:	
Duration of the condition is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Term • Long Term • Permanent 	The condition is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressive • Non-progressive
Date student may return to unrestricted activity:	Date student will be reexamined:
Functional capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted (no restriction on contact or intensity) • Mild restriction (only avoid vigorous activities) • Moderate restriction (limits sustained, strenuous activities) • Severe restriction (limits are severe) 	

PART 3: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PHYSICIAN

Check all activities that you consider to be appropriate for the student to participate in. Remember all activities will be modified for student's ability level.

- Step Aerobics
- Power walk (4 min laps)
- Running (jogging/sprinting)
- Swimming
- Curl Ups
- Free Weights (light)
- Pull Ups
- Weight Machines
- Push Ups
- Individual sports/games
- Team sports/games
- Tumbling

Additional recommendations for modification?

Signature of Authorized Health Care Provider:

Date: _____

Health Care Provider Address Stamp (required):

This form is to be turned in to the student's Physical Education Teacher.