



Dublin City Schools
Physical Education: Kindergarten
Graded Course of Study
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We believe in developing students by:

- Teaching physical activity habits and motor skills.
- Fostering critical thinking and tactical knowledge related to various movement patterns.
- Providing differentiated and inclusive opportunities for all students.
- Promoting physical activity to enhance personal and social skills through movement.
- Providing safe environments that teach students to exhibit responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others.
- Promoting collaboration and teamwork among students.
- Teaching the benefits of various types of physical activities.

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Standard 1: Develops a variety of motor skills.

Rationale: Through learning experiences in physical education, the student develops motor skills across a variety of environments. Motor skills are a foundational part of child development and support the movements of everyday life. The development of motor skills contributes to an individual's physical literacy journey.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Benchmark A: Demonstrates locomotor and non-locomotor skills in a variety of ways.
1.K.1. Demonstrates the locomotor skills of walk and run using critical elements. Explores the locomotor skills of jump, gallop, slide, skip, hop, and leap in a stable environment.
1.K.2. Explores jumping both vertically and horizontally, taking off on two feet and landing on two feet.
1.K.3. Explores transfer of weight by rocking and rolling.
1.K.4. Explores non-locomotor skills (e.g., bend, twist, turn, sway, stretch) in exploratory and stable environments.
1.K.5. Explores balances using a variety of body parts (e.g., 1/2/3/4-point balances) and body shapes (e.g., wide, narrow, twisted).
Benchmark B: Demonstrates developing control of fundamental manipulative skills.
1.K.6. Bounces and catches a ball with both hands in a stable environment.
1.K.7. Explores rolling a ball underhand.
1.K.8. Catches a bounced ball.

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1.K.9. Explores throwing objects in a variety of ways.
1.K.10. Kicks a stationary ball.
1.K.11. Explores dribbling an object with feet in self and general space.
1.K.12. Strikes a lightweight object (e.g., balloon) using different body parts and keeps it in the air.
1.K.13. Explores striking a lightweight object (e.g., balloon) using a short and long-handled implement (e.g., foam paddle).
1.K.14. Moves in time with a changing beat (e.g., music, drum, clap, stomp).
1.K.15. Explores jumping over a rope.
1.K.16. Demonstrates safety skills in community activities, including water safety and cycling/wheeled skills.

Standard 2: Applies knowledge related to movement and fitness concepts.

Rationale: Through learning experiences in physical education, students use their knowledge of movement concepts, tactics, and strategies across a variety of environments. This knowledge helps the student become a more versatile and efficient mover. Additionally, the student applies knowledge of health-related and skill-related fitness to enhance their overall well-being. The application of knowledge related to various forms of movement contributes to an individual's physical literacy journey.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Benchmark A: Understands and applies the knowledge of critical elements of fundamental motor skills and the principles of health-related fitness.
2.K.5. Repeats ways to stretch muscles in the body before physical activity.

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2.K.6. Identifies water and cycling/wheeled safety skills and unique risks of each environment.

Benchmark B: Understands and identifies the principles, components, and practices of health-related physical fitness.

2.K.7. Recognizes the heart as a muscle that grows stronger with exercise and physical activity.

2.K.8. Recognizes and differentiates between physical activity and inactivity.

2.K.9. Recognizes changes in the body during physical activity.

2.K.10. Recognizes that food and hydration provide energy for physical activity.

Standard 3: Develops social skills through movement.

Rationale: Through learning experiences in physical education, students develop the social skills necessary to exhibit empathy and respect for others and foster and maintain relationships. In addition, students develop skills for communication, leadership, cultural awareness, and conflict resolution in a variety of physical activity settings.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Benchmark A: Knows and follows procedures and safe practices.

3.K.1. Explains why rules related to safety are important.

3.K.2. Follows directions and uses equipment safely with a partner.

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Benchmark B: Engages in responsible behavior in physical activity settings.

3.K.3. Recognizes that others have feelings.

3.K.4. Claps and cheers for classmates.

3.K.5. Listens to and uses kind words in a physical activity setting.

3.K.6. Responds appropriately to directions and feedback from the teacher.

3.K.7. Engages in positive behaviors that are respectful to others.

3.K.8. Recognizes a problem in a physical activity setting and asks for support from a teacher.

3.K.9. Engages in behaviors that are helpful to others as directed by the teacher (e.g., taking turns, using equipment, and interacting positively with others).

3.K.10. Identifies physical activities that foster global awareness and build community.

Standard 4: Develops personal skills, identifies personal benefits of movement, and chooses to engage in physical activity.

Rationale: Through learning experiences in physical education, the student develops an understanding of how movement is personally beneficial and subsequently chooses to participate in physical activities that are personally meaningful (e.g., activities that offer social interaction, cultural connection, exploration, choice, self-expression, appropriate levels of challenge, and added health benefits). The student develops personal skills, including goal setting, identifying strengths, and reflection to enhance their physical literacy journey.

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Benchmark A: Identifies health benefits as reasons to participate and value physical activity.

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4.K.1. Recognizes that physical activity has positive health benefits.

4.K.2. Recognizes that some physical activities are more challenging than other physical activities.

4.K.3. Explains that Physical Education class is an opportunity to be physically active throughout the day.

Benchmark B: Identifies personal benefits to participating in physical activity.

4.K.4. Identifies physical activities that are enjoyable based on personal interest.

4.K.5. Reflects on what activities are enjoyable during Physical Education class.

4.K.6. Follows short-term physical activity goals provided by the teacher.

4.K.7. Practices strategies for managing one's emotions and behaviors, such as breathing or sensory breaks during physical activity.