

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY**Definitions**

Extreme weather conditions are occurrences of unusually severe weather conditions, including, but not limited to, periods of extreme heat, excessive precipitation, and floods, that may pose significant harm to students. (Education Code 33355)

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.

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.

Physical education is a sequential educational program that teaches students to understand and participate in regular physical activity that assists in 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.

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 recess and the lunch period
2. For students in grades 7-8 attending an elementary school, 200 minutes each 10 school days, exclusive of recess 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

An alternate term schedule may be provided for physical education courses in grades 6-12, if the following conditions are met: (Education Code 51222)

1. For students in grade 6 to receive no less than 400 minutes of instruction each 10 school days for a semester of not fewer than 18 weeks during the regular school year, for a total of 3,600 instructional minutes for the school year
2. For students in grades 7-12 to receive no less than 800 minutes of instruction every 10 school days for a semester of not fewer than 18 weeks during the regular school year, for a total of 7,200 instructional minutes for the school year
3. The physical education program is aligned with the physical education framework adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) in that it provides a sequential, articulated, age-appropriate program
4. The physical education program complies with the course of study requirements of high school physical education programs, as applicable
5. Students are prepared for, and participate in, the physical performance testing as specified in Education Code 60800

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.

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, bell schedule, weekly schedule for each teacher providing physical education instruction, district calendar, 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 may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in Administrative Regulation 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 CDE finds merit in a complaint, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians. (Education Code 51210, 51222, 51223; 5 CCR 4600-4670)

Monitoring Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity

To monitor the amount of time students are engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity, the Superintendent or designee may:

1. Develop methods to estimate the amount of time students spend in moderate to vigorous physical activity and the amount of time students 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

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 SBE (FITNESSGRAM). (Education Code 60800; 5 CCR 1041)

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 CDE for all matters related to the physical fitness test. The duties of the test coordinator shall include, but are not limited to: (5 CCR 1043.4)

1. Responding to correspondence and inquiries from the contractor in a timely manner and as provided in the contractor's instructions
2. Determining district and school site test and test material needs
3. Overseeing the administration of the physical fitness test to students
4. Ensuring that all test data are received from school test sites in sufficient time to satisfy the reporting requirements

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 the student's cumulative record. (Education Code 49062, 60800; 5 CCR 1043.10)

Each student's test results shall also be provided to the student's 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)

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

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 the student(s) 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 may implement strategies for increasing opportunities for physical activity outside the physical education program, which may include, but not be limited to:

1. Training recess, lunch, and before- and after-school supervisors on methods to engage students in moderate to vigorous physical activity
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, community service, special events, and competitions

4. Incorporating opportunities for physical activity into before- or after-school programs and/or child care and development programs
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
6. Developing business partnerships to maximize resources for physical activity equipment and programs
7. Developing programs to encourage and facilitate walking, bicycling, or other active transport to and from school