

2425 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Board of Directors recognizes the value of physical activity in the development and maintenance of sound physical and mental health. Accordingly, the Board directs the establishment, in accordance with law, and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS) or the NJCCCS for Students with Severe Disabilities of a program of physical education and the enrollment therein of every pupil in attendance in the schools of this Commission, insofar as each is physically capable of participation. Each course will provide pupils with a regimen of physical exercise and activity, assist pupils in the development of physical skills and achievements, encourage pupils in a spirit of sharing and cooperation, and instill in pupils a life-long appreciation for physical activity. The successive courses of physical education will be so designed as to provide pupils with exposure to a variety of athletic and physical activities.

Pupil participation in health and safety classes will be unaffected by this policy. Any pupil excused from physical education class pursuant to this policy shall devote to study and scholastic purposes any school time left unscheduled by the excusal.

A pupil excused from physical education classes will be granted credit for physical education provided he/she earns a passing grade and meets the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS) or the NJCCCS for Students with Severe Disabilities in the alternate activity. A pupil whose physical education credit is earned in interscholastic team activity will be graded by the team coach. A pupil whose physical education credit is earned in an alternate program of physical activity will be graded by the physical education department chairman in consultation with the person who has supervised the alternate program. Grades earned will be entered in the pupil's permanent record with a notation of the alternate program for which physical education credit is given.

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