

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF
THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 7.07

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors (Board) believes that each person is unique and deserves opportunities to develop an orientation to lifetime fitness. The Board shall require that instruction in physical education be provided within the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). Students will be provided experiences to develop:

- i. the understanding of why it is important to be physically active for a lifetime,
- ii. the skills needed to be physically active for a lifetime, and
- iii. a positive attitude toward being physically active for a lifetime.

~~(1) GRADING PRACTICES~~

~~a. Each teacher should carefully evaluate and assess his/her grading procedures to eliminate inequities and malpractice in grading students.~~

~~b. Students who attend class on a regular basis, have good attitudes, and put forth an honest effort to improve should not fail.~~

~~c. Students should not fail on the basis of physical ability alone. Participation, improvement, knowledge, and skill development must also be considered.~~

~~(1) OPTIONAL PASS/FAIL GRADING~~

~~All students in grades 9-12 shall be allowed to enroll in any physical education courses with the understanding that their accomplishments in those courses shall be evaluated either as passing (recorded grade is "P") or unsatisfactory (recorded grade is "U").~~

~~(2) SHOWERS AND LOCKERS~~

a. In all high schools, students shall be provided with towels and requested to take showers on a voluntary basis. Swim classes are not included in this policy. (Note: All students are required to take showers before and after swimming instruction.)

b. If a school has locker room facilities, students are encouraged to change into physical education attire for hygiene and safety reasons. Students MUST have appropriate footwear (tennis shoes, no sandals, no open-toed shoes, no boots, etc.) to participate safely.

~~(2) LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL MANDATES~~

(a) In an effort to ~~assure~~ ensure that all MPS schools meet state-mandated physical education requirements (~~Section 121.02(L)~~) and the federally mandated Wellness Policy, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors has instituted the following time allocations for MPS students:

- i. a total of 100 minutes of physical education per week for ~~Grades~~ grades 1-3
- ii. 120 minutes per week for ~~Grades~~ grades 4-6
- iii. 125 minutes per week for grades 7-8 ~~per week~~
- iv. 1.5 credits for high-school students
- v. A waiver of the physical education requirement may be granted for high school students, pursuant to Administrative Policy 7.37, Graduation Requirements.

~~(b) Principals are to ensure these requirements are met. Principals are responsible for monitoring the scheduling of elementary, middle- and high-school physical education classes and to ensure that all students receive the appropriate amount of instruction and physical~~

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activity.

(b) Physical education is considered an academic subject and must not be withheld from a student as punishment. Similarly, students must not be compelled to perform physical activities, including, but not limited to, running laps or doing push-ups, as punishment.

~~(c) When the elementary physical education specialist cannot fully schedule the required weekly allocation, it becomes the responsibility of the elementary classroom teacher to conduct the additional activities to meet the Board-approved time requirements. Elementary classroom teachers are encouraged to work with their physical education specialists in order to provide lessons that complement the district-wide physical education scope and sequence.~~

(c) State Statute requires that for grades K-6 all students should receive three days of physical education per week by a licensed physical education teacher or under the direction of a licensed PE teacher. When a licensed physical education teacher cannot be scheduled to see students for the required amount of time it becomes the responsibility of the elementary classroom teacher to meet the remainder of the state requirement. Elementary classroom teachers are encouraged to work with their physical education specialists in order to provide lessons that complement the district-wide physical education pacing guides.

(d) Principals are responsible for monitoring the *scheduling* of elementary, middle- and high-school physical education classes to ensure that all students receive the appropriate amount of instruction and physical activity required by state statute and board policy

~~(de)~~Each school ~~should~~ must develop a schedule by which teachers may use the gymnasium on a regular basis in order to comply with Administrative Policy 7.07.

(3) MONITORING and EVALUATION

Annually, in August, a report shall be made available to the Board on the district's physical education program and on the efforts to encourage physical activity and wellness in schools.

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Admin. Policy 4.06 Vending Machines
Admin. Policy 4.07 Student Nutrition & Wellness Policy
Admin. Proc. 4.07 Student Nutrition & Wellness Procedures
Admin. Policy 7.06 Health Education
~~Admin. Policy 7.07 Physical Education~~
Admin. Proc. 7.07 Physical Education
Admin. Policy 7.09 Human Growth and Development
Admin. Proc. 7.22 School Fund-Raising Activities
Admin. Policy 7.33 Grading Systems
Admin. Policy 7.37 Graduation Requirements
Admin. Policy 9.08 Advertising in the Schools
Admin. Policy 9.11 School ~~Governance~~ Engagement Councils