2422 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education requires all students to participate in a comprehensive, sequential, health and physical education program aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) that emphasizes the natural interdisciplinary connection between wellness and health and physical education. The primary focus of the NJSLS is the development of knowledge and skills that influence healthy behaviors within the context of self, family, school, and the local and global community.

The NJSLS incorporate New Jersey statutes related to health and well-being of students in New Jersey schools. The following statutes incorporated into the NJSLS include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

8. Health, Safety, and Physical Education (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5) requires that all students in grades one through twelve participate in at least two and one-half hours of health, safety, and physical education each school week.
substances and the development of curriculum guidelines for each
grade Kindergarten through twelve.

10. Lyme Disease Prevention (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5.1 through 5.3) requires
the development of Lyme Disease curriculum guidelines and training to
all teaching staff members who instruct students with Lyme Disease.

11. Organ Donation (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-4.3) requires information relative to
organ donation to be given to students in grades nine through twelve.

12. Sexual Assault Prevention (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.3) requires the
development of a sexual assault prevention education program by the
Commissioner of Education for utilization by school districts.

4.22), also known as the "AIDS Prevention Act of 1999,” requires sex
education programs to stress abstinence.

instruction in suicide prevention in public schools.

15. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Automated External Defibrillator
schools and charter schools to provide instruction in cardiopulmonary
resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator to each
student prior to graduation.

4.32 and 4.33) requires instruction, once during middle school, on the
social, emotional, and legal consequences of distributing and soliciting
sexually explicit images through electronic means.

requires instruction on the political, economic, and social contributions
of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
people for middle and high school students.

basic financial literacy necessary for sound financial decision-making in
each of the grades six through eight.

19. Other Statutory or Administrative Codes. The Board will incorporate
into its health and physical education curriculum any other
requirements of the NJSLS in Comprehensive Health and Physical
Education.
In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.7, any student whose parent presents to the Principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in health, family life education, or sex education is in conflict with his/her conscience or sincerely held moral or religious beliefs shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result.

The Board of Education must provide two and one-half hours of health, safety, and physical education courses in each school week, or proportionately less when holidays fall within the week. Recess period(s) shall not be used to meet the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5, 7, and 8.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.31, the Board of Education shall provide a daily recess period of at least twenty minutes for students in grades Kindergarten through five. A recess period is not required on a school day in which the day is substantially shortened due to a delayed opening or early dismissal. The recess period shall be outdoors, if feasible. A student shall not be denied recess for any reason, except as a consequence of a violation of the school district’s Code of Student Conduct, including a harassment, intimidation, or bullying (HIB) investigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13 et seq. Students may not be denied recess more than twice per week for a violation of the Code of Student Conduct or HIB investigation and these students shall be provided restorative justice activities during the recess period. Restorative justice activities are defined as activities designed to improve the socioemotional and behavioral responses of students through the use of more appropriate and less punitive interventions thereby establishing a more supportive and inclusive school culture. The student’s recess period should be scheduled in a manner that does not interfere with the implementation of a student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP). School staff may deny recess for a student on the advice of a medical professional, school nurse, or the provisions of a student’s IEP and/or 504 Plan.

A copy of the NJSLS for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education and all related curriculum/course guides and instructional material shall be available for public inspection in each school.


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