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## **HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN OHIO:**

### THE NUTS & BOLTS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: LEGISLATION, **GUIDANCE & BEST PRACTICES**

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### Welcome

- Goal: Overview health & physical education
  - 1. Requirements
  - 2. Guidelines
  - 3. Best practices



## Health Education in Ohio

- Course Offering
  - Elementary
    - K-8: "Well-rounded" education
  - High School Graduation Requirements
    - ½ unit required (1/2 required in PE)
- Ohio Legislature has oversight of health education, not Department of Education.
  - Local control
  - Standards provide a framework, but do not tell districts what to teach and how to teach it.

# Health Education Required Curriculum Content

- 1. Nutrition
  - Including: natural & organically produced foods, relation of nutrition to health and use and effects of food additives
- 2. Venereal disease education (parent exemption)
- 3. Personal safety & assault prevention (parent exemption)
  - Grades K-6
- 4. Dating violence & healthy relationships (parent exemption)
  - Grades 7-12



# Health Education Required Curriculum Content

- 5. Drugs & Alcohol
  - Harmful effects & legal restrictions
- 6. Prescription opioid abuse prevention
  - Additional information:
- Opioid Abuse Prevention
   Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team Resources
- The Ohio Department of Education <u>Health</u> <u>Education Page</u>



### Health Education Standards

- Ohio does not allow the State Board of Education to adopt Health Education Standards
- Legislature must approve
- Ohio & Iowa are the only states without standards.
  - Ohio Early Learning Standards (K-3 Standards)
- Local control, but many existing resources for guidance.

## National Health Education Standards

### Students will:

- 1. Comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention.
- 2. Analyze the influence of family, peers, culture, media, technology and other factors on health.
- 3. Demonstrate the ability to access valid information, products and services to enhance health.
- 4. Demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skill to enhance health and avoid/reduce health risks.
- 5. Demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health.
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting skills to enhance health.
- 7. Demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors and avoid or reduce health risks.
- 8. Demonstrate the ability to advocate for personal, family and community health.

rysical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Where are those health topics?

## Health Education Curriculum Resources

- National Health Education Standards
- HECAT (Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool)
  - HECAT Modules present outcomes for each grade level (K-12) for each standard and each topic.



# Health Education Modules (CDC)

- Alcohol & Other Drugs
- Healthy Eating
- Mental & Emotional Health
- Personal Health & Wellness
- Physical Activity
- Safety
- Sexual Health
- Tobacco
- Violence Prevention



## **Quality Health Education**

- 1. Teaching functional health information
  - Essential knowledge
- 2. Shapes personal values and beliefs that support healthy behaviors
- 3. Shapes group norms that value a healthy lifestyle
- 4. Develop essential health skills necessary to adopt, practice and maintain health-enhancing behaviors.
- 5. Taught by a licensed-teacher.

# Ohio Physical Education Requirements

### Ohio Core

- Ohio Revised Code: Section 3313.603 (A) (2)
  - Students must earn ½
     unit of credit in physical
     education as part of
     graduation
     requirement.
  - ½ unit means a minimum of 120 hours of instruction.

### Elementary & Middle School

 Must provide PE as part of a well-rounded curriculum

### Substitution

- Local boards may adopt policy
- ONLY for interscholastic athletics (2 full seasons), marching band, cheerleading & ROTC.
- Student must select another ½ unit, consisting of at least 60 hrs of instruction in another course of study.

### Credit Flexibility

- Must provide evidence of proficiency in the course and/or standards
- Must complete the state PE evaluations
- Cannot simply log PA time

## "Advanced" Physical Education

- Class must be of high school level curriculum or higher in rigor.
- Must be taught by a certified 9-12 physical education licensed teacher.
- Should have some way of determining that the students are both cognitively and physically ready for the advancement.
- Should not be setting students up for failure (this class goes on high school transcript no matter what the grade is, because it is a high school level course).
- In accordance with ORC3313.60 all schools must provide an option/opportunity at the school for students to take physical education at the appropriate grade band (for instance a 7-8 school must have either 7<sup>th</sup> grade physical education and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade physical education as an alternative option, to address the needs of students that are not ready for advanced PE).
- All students taking the class have been evaluated and submitted previously at the 6-8 grade band.

## "Advanced" Physical Education

- Must receive 60 hours or more of instruction (a full semester) to receive .25 high school credits for physical education.
- Should be evaluated and submitted at the 9-12 grade band level.

### Additional consideration

- If the school has adopted the waiver option and the student elects to do the waiver once in high school.
  - This class will not count toward any of their graduation requirements, but still must be on their transcript.
  - Must complete the additional .5 credits in an elective that is not physical education.
  - Should not have been submitted for evaluations.

## SB 210 & Evaluation Reminders

- Newly hired physical education teachers to have a PE license.
- Part of school's report card, but not a high-stakes achievement test.
- Collect assessment data and report to ODE.
  - Data is reported by **school**, not by individual student
- Assess and report ALL students' data <u>once</u> in the grade band, not in each grade
- Assessments must be completed by the end of the benchmark.
  - e.g. Assess students in Standard 1B in Grade 2
- NO District-wide WAIVERS for ASSESSMENTS



## Ohio Physical Education Standards & Evaluation Update

- Updated standards adopted in July 2015
- Revised evaluation to begin implementation Fall 2016.
- Refined standards and assessments
  - From 6 standards to 5 standards
    - From 12 benchmarks to 10.
  - Merge Standard 3 and Standard 4
    - Inclusion of calorie balance
  - Assessments & rubrics are revised and refined to align with new standard and outcomes
- What does my school rating mean?

### **Future Directions**

- Advocate for legislation to allow the adoption of health education standards
- Advocacy to remove the substitution/waiver exemption
- Refine the physical education data and report card ratings
  - Reflect performance in meeting the benchmarks
  - Move away from student averages and to the students meeting or exceeding the benchmark.
- Study the impact of accountability on programs

