

Chapter 116. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Physical Education

Subchapter C. High School

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this Subchapter C issued under Texas Education Code, §7.102(c)(4) and §28.002(a), (c), and (d), unless otherwise noted.

§116.61. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Physical Education, Adopted 2020.

- (a) The provisions of §§116.62-116.64 of this subchapter shall be implemented by school districts.
- (b) No later than July 31, 2021, the commissioner of education shall determine whether instructional materials funding has been made available to Texas public schools for materials that cover the essential knowledge and skills for physical education as adopted in §§116.62-116.64 of this subchapter.
- (c) If the commissioner makes the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, §§116.62-116.64 of this subchapter shall be implemented beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and apply to the 2022-2023 and subsequent school years.
- (d) If the commissioner does not make the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall determine no later than July 31 of each subsequent school year whether instructional materials funding has been made available. If the commissioner determines that instructional materials funding has been made available, the commissioner shall notify the State Board of Education and school districts that §§116.62-116.64 of this subchapter shall be implemented for the following school year.
- (e) Sections 116.51-116.56 of this subchapter shall be superseded by the implementation of §§116.61-116.64 of this subchapter.

Source: The provisions of this §116.61 adopted to be effective August 1, 2022, 47 TexReg 4517.

§116.62. Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits (One Credit), Adopted 2020.

- (a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.
- (b) Introduction.
 - (1) Physical education is the foundation of a well-balanced curriculum. "It is an academic subject with a planned and sequential K-12 curriculum based on the national standards for physical education. Physical education provides cognitive content and instruction designed to develop motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors for physical activity and physical fitness. Supporting schools to establish daily physical education can provide students with the ability and confidence to be physically active for a lifetime" (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CDC Healthy Schools, May 2019).
 - (A) Physical education is designed to develop motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors for active living, physical fitness, sportsmanship, self-efficacy, and emotional intelligence. Physical education addresses the three domains of learning: cognitive skills related to the knowledge of movement, affective skills related to feelings and attitudes about movement, and psychomotor skills related to the manual or physical skills in movement literacy (SHAPE America, 2014, p. 4).
 - (B) Physically literate students have the ability to develop a lifetime of wellness. Physical literacy can be described as the ability to move with competence and confidence, to acquire knowledge and understanding, and to value and take responsibility for engagement in a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy development of the whole person (Mandigo, Francis, Lodewyk & Lopez, 2012, and Whitehead, 2016).

- (C) Research shows physical education is important to the development of the whole child and increases a lifetime of wellness. The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Academy of Medicine support the belief that physical education, taught at a developmentally appropriate level, improves physical fitness and skill development, supports and improves academic achievement, reinforces self-discipline and teacher goal setting, reduces stress and increases blood flow to the brain, strengthens peer relationships, and improves self-confidence and self-esteem.
- (2) The physical education standards are categorized into five strands that are of equal importance and value. The movement patterns and movement skills strand guides the physically literate student in the development of fundamental movement patterns, spatial and body awareness, and rhythmic activities. The performance strategies strand guides the physically literate student in using strategies in fundamental components of games, activities, and outdoor and recreational pursuits. The health, physical activity, and fitness strand encompasses health-related fitness, environmental awareness, and safety practices that guide students to a health-enhancing, physically active lifestyle. The physically literate student demonstrates skills and mechanics used during physical activity and analyzes data used during fitness performance. The physically literate student recognizes the correlation between nutrition, hydration, and physical activity. The social and emotional health strand incorporates working with others, responding to class expectations, and applying self-management skills. The lifetime wellness strand engages students in physical activity for the purposes of self-expression, enjoyment, and challenge.
- (3) Quality physical education programs include a comprehensive curriculum, physical activity, safety policies, safe environments, qualified physical education specialists instructing the class, and student assessment and do not use physical activity as a form of punishment. Texas state law outlines state requirements that support these essential components. In accordance with state law, physical education curriculum and instruction must be sequential, developmentally appropriate, and designed to meet the needs of all students, including students with disabilities, and of all physical ability levels. At least 50% of the physical education class must be used for actual student physical activity at a moderate or vigorous intensity level, which aligns with additional state requirements for a minimum number of minutes for moderate or vigorous physical activity in Kindergarten-Grade 8. Required student-to-teacher ratios of 45-to-1 ensure the proper supervision and safety of students in physical education classes, and school districts must identify how student safety will be maintained if that ratio is exceeded. State law also requires that school districts and charter schools annually assess the physical fitness of students in Grade 3 or higher who are enrolled in a physical education course.
- (4) Access to course-appropriate physical education equipment is essential to quality instruction. Course-appropriate equipment for all students is imperative for the development of motor skills, manipulative skills, and eventually becoming a physically literate, lifelong learner. Equipment should include a variety of sizes, weights, and textures to provide differentiated experiences for students of various ability levels.
- (5) The Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits course offers current approaches for the foundation of personal fitness, physical literacy, lifetime wellness, and healthy living. Students in Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits will apply the knowledge and skills to demonstrate mastery of the concepts needed to achieve lifetime wellness. Students will participate in a variety of physical activities for attaining personal fitness and lifetime wellness.
- (6) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (c) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Movement patterns and movement skills. While participating in physical activity, the physically literate student applies physiological and biomechanical principles to improve health-related fitness. The student is expected to:
- (A) apply physiological and fitness principles related to exercise and training, including warm-up and cool-down, overload, frequency, intensity, time, and specificity; and

- (B) apply basic biomechanical principles related to exercise and training, including force, leverage, and type of contraction.
- (2) Performance strategies. During physical activity, the physically literate student applies skills, techniques, and safety practices associated with physical activity. The student is expected to:
- (A) apply appropriate procedures to ensure safety;
 - (B) apply appropriate practices and procedures to improve skills in various fitness activities;
 - (C) perform skills and appropriate techniques at a basic level of competency;
 - (D) modify movement during performance using appropriate internal and external feedback; and
 - (E) explain various methods to achieve personal fitness, including interval training, circuit training, high-intensity interval training (HIIT), and functional fitness training.
- (3) Health, physical activity, and fitness. The physically literate student applies fitness principles that encompass personal fitness programs, nutrition, technology, and environmental awareness. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate appropriate safety procedures, including wearing proper attire, using equipment safely, practicing exercise etiquette, and recognizing situational environmental hazards;
 - (B) identify and describe exercise techniques that may be harmful or unsafe;
 - (C) explain the relationships among hydration, physical activity, and environmental conditions;
 - (D) explain the relationship between physical fitness and wellness;
 - (E) participate in a variety of activities that develop health-related physical fitness;
 - (F) describe training principles appropriate to enhance cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility;
 - (G) exhibit a basic level of competency in two or more aerobic and two or more anaerobic activities;
 - (H) select and use appropriate technology tools to evaluate, monitor, and improve health-related fitness;
 - (I) design and implement a personal fitness program that includes health-related fitness components;
 - (J) measure and evaluate personal skill-related components of physical fitness, including agility, balance, coordination, power, reaction time, and speed; and
 - (K) measure and evaluate personal fitness in terms of health-related fitness components.
- (4) Social and emotional health. During physical activity, the physically literate student develops positive self-management and social skills needed to work independently and with others. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe and analyze the relationship between physical activity and social and emotional health;
 - (B) discuss how improvement is possible with appropriate practice;
 - (C) identify and respond to challenges, successes, conflicts, and failures in physical activities in socially appropriate ways;
 - (D) explain how to accept successes and performance limitations of self and others by exhibiting appropriate behavior and response; and

- (E) evaluate the impact of the use of technology on social and emotional health.
- (5) Lifetime wellness. The physically literate student comprehends practices that will impact daily performance, physical activity, and health throughout the lifespan. The student is expected to:
 - (A) describe how sleep is essential to optimal performance and recovery;
 - (B) identify myths associated with physical activity and nutritional practices;
 - (C) explain the relationship between nutritional practices and physical activity;
 - (D) explain the risks of over training;
 - (E) evaluate consumer issues and trends related to physical fitness such as marketing claims promoting fitness and nutritional products, services, and supplements; and
 - (F) analyze how nutrition, exercise, and other factors impact body composition.

Source: The provisions of this §116.62 adopted to be effective August 1, 2022, 47 TexReg 4517.

§116.63. Lifetime Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits (One Credit), Adopted 2020.

- (a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for successful completion of this course.
 - (1) Physical education is the foundation of a well-balanced curriculum. "It is an academic subject with a planned and sequential K-12 curriculum based on the national standards for physical education. Physical education provides cognitive content and instruction designed to develop motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors for physical activity and physical fitness. Supporting schools to establish daily physical education can provide students with the ability and confidence to be physically active for a lifetime" (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CDC Healthy Schools, May 2019).
 - (A) Physical education is designed to develop motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors for active living, physical fitness, sportsmanship, self-efficacy, and emotional intelligence. Physical education addresses the three domains of learning: cognitive skills related to the knowledge of movement, affective skills related to feelings and attitudes about movement, and psychomotor skills related to the manual or physical skills in movement literacy (SHAPE America, 2014, p. 4).
 - (B) Physically literate students have the ability to develop a lifetime of wellness. Physical literacy can be described as the ability to move with competence and confidence, to acquire knowledge and understanding, and to value and take responsibility for engagement in a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy development of the whole person (Mandigo, Francis, Lodewyk & Lopez, 2012, and Whitehead, 2016).
 - (C) Research shows physical education is important to the development of the whole child and increases a lifetime of wellness. The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Academy of Medicine support the belief that physical education, taught at a developmentally appropriate level, improves physical fitness and skill development, supports and improves academic achievement, reinforces self-discipline and teacher goal setting, reduces stress and increases blood flow to the brain, strengthens peer relationships, and improves self-confidence and self-esteem.
 - (2) The physical education standards are categorized into five strands that are of equal importance and value. The movement patterns and movement skills strand guides the physically literate student in the development of fundamental movement patterns, spatial and body awareness, and rhythmic activities. The performance strategies strand guides the physically literate student in using strategies in fundamental components of games, activities, and outdoor and recreational pursuits. The health, physical activity, and fitness strand encompasses health-related fitness, environmental awareness, and safety practices that guide students to a health-enhancing, physically active lifestyle. The physically literate student demonstrates skills and mechanics used during physical activity and analyzes data used during fitness performance. The physically literate student

recognizes the correlation between nutrition, hydration, and physical activity. The social and emotional health strand incorporates working with others, responding to class expectations, and applying self-management skills. The lifetime wellness strand engages students in physical activity for the purposes of self-expression, enjoyment, and challenge.

- (3) Quality physical education programs include a comprehensive curriculum, physical activity, safety policies, safe environments, qualified physical education specialists instructing the class, and student assessment and do not use physical activity as a form of punishment. Texas state law outlines state requirements that support these essential components. In accordance with state law, physical education curriculum and instruction must be sequential, developmentally appropriate, and designed to meet the needs of all students, including students with disabilities, and of all physical ability levels. At least 50% of the physical education class must be used for actual student physical activity at a moderate or vigorous intensity level, which aligns with additional state requirements for a minimum number of minutes for moderate or vigorous physical activity in Kindergarten-Grade 8. Required student-to-teacher ratios of 45-to-1 ensure the proper supervision and safety of students in physical education classes, and school districts must identify how student safety will be maintained if that ratio is exceeded. State law also requires that school districts and charter schools annually assess the physical fitness of students in Grade 3 or higher who are enrolled in a physical education course.
 - (4) Access to course-appropriate physical education equipment is essential to quality instruction. Course-appropriate equipment for all students is imperative for the development of motor skills, manipulative skills, and eventually becoming a physically literate, lifelong learner. Equipment should include a variety of sizes, weights, and textures to provide differentiated experiences for students of various ability levels.
 - (5) The Lifetime Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits course provides opportunities for students to develop competency in five or more lifelong recreational and outdoor pursuits for enjoyment and challenge. Students in Lifetime Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits participate in activities that promote physical literacy, respect for and connection to nature and the environment, and opportunities for enjoyment for a lifetime. Students will experience opportunities that enhance self-worth and support community engagement.
 - (6) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (c) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) Movement patterns and movement skills. The student demonstrates competency in five or more lifetime recreational and outdoor pursuits such as backpacking, camping, hiking, navigation, water sports, paddle sports, boater education, water safety education, angler education, hunter education, archery, outdoor survival and safety, climbing, adventure activities, challenge course or team building, lawn games, skating, skiing, cycling, and disc sports. The student is expected to:
 - (A) demonstrate execution of basic skills in lifetime recreation and outdoor pursuits;
 - (B) apply the rules and strategies of the selected lifetime recreation and outdoor pursuits; and
 - (C) design a conditioning program for the selected lifetime recreation and outdoor pursuits.
 - (2) Performance strategies. The physically literate student applies movement concepts and principles to the learning, development, and execution of motor skills applicable to the selected lifetime recreational and outdoor pursuits. The student is expected to:
 - (A) modify movement during performance using appropriate internal and external feedback; and
 - (B) identify critical elements for a successful performance during a specific activity.
 - (3) Health, physical activity, and fitness. The physically literate student exhibits a physically active lifestyle that improves health and provides opportunities for enjoyment and challenge. The student is expected to:

- (A) participate in lifetime recreational and outdoor pursuits that provide for enjoyment and challenge;
 - (B) describe training principles for enhancing flexibility, muscular strength and endurance, and cardiorespiratory endurance;
 - (C) establish realistic and challenging health-related fitness goals;
 - (D) select and use appropriate technology tools to evaluate, monitor, and improve health-related fitness;
 - (E) analyze health and fitness benefits derived from participation in lifetime recreational and outdoor pursuits; and
 - (F) design and participate in a personal health-related fitness program that has the potential to meet identified activity goals.
- (4) Social and emotional health. The physically literate student articulates the benefit of time spent in recreation or outdoor pursuits to promote mental, social, and emotional health. The student is expected to:
- (A) demonstrate teamwork such as leadership, problem solving, trust, creativity, cooperation, conflict resolution, and communication while engaging in selected lifetime recreation and outdoor pursuits;
 - (B) demonstrate etiquette appropriate for selected lifetime recreation and outdoor activities;
 - (C) evaluate the impact of the use of technology on social and emotional health;
 - (D) analyze and summarize critical information on the mental, social, and emotional health benefits of engagement in outdoor pursuits; and
 - (E) design a personal wellness plan that includes time engaging in outdoor pursuits.
- (5) Lifetime wellness. The physically literate student recognizes the relationship between lifetime recreation or outdoor pursuits and health. The student is expected to:
- (A) list and describe safety equipment used in selected lifetime recreation and outdoor pursuits;
 - (B) explain and follow safety procedures during selected lifetime recreation and outdoor pursuits;
 - (C) identify and apply the health-related fitness principles to selected lifetime recreation and outdoor pursuits;
 - (D) describe how sleep is essential to optimal performance and recovery;
 - (E) analyze the advantages and disadvantages of lifetime recreation and outdoor pursuits and their effects on personal fitness;
 - (F) provide evidence of developing and maintaining health-related fitness; and
 - (G) design safe practices and procedures to improve skill during an activity.

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§116.64. Skill-Based Lifetime Activities (One Credit), Adopted 2020.

- (a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one credit for completion of this course.
- (b) Introduction.
 - (1) Physical education is the foundation of a well-balanced curriculum. "It is an academic subject with a planned and sequential K-12 curriculum based on the national standards for physical education. Physical education provides cognitive content and instruction designed to develop motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors for physical activity and physical fitness. Supporting schools to

establish daily physical education can provide students with the ability and confidence to be physically active for a lifetime" (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CDC Healthy Schools, May 2019).

- (A) Physical education is designed to develop motor skills, knowledge, and behaviors for active living, physical fitness, sportsmanship, self-efficacy, and emotional intelligence. Physical education addresses the three domains of learning: cognitive skills related to the knowledge of movement, affective skills related to feelings and attitudes about movement, and psychomotor skills related to the manual or physical skills in movement literacy (SHAPE America, 2014, p. 4).
 - (B) Physically literate students have the ability to develop a lifetime of wellness. Physical literacy can be described as the ability to move with competence and confidence, to acquire knowledge and understanding, and to value and take responsibility for engagement in a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy development of the whole person (Mandigo, Francis, Lodewyk & Lopez, 2012, and Whitehead, 2016).
 - (C) Research shows physical education is important to the development of the whole child and increases a lifetime of wellness. The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Academy of Medicine support the belief that physical education, taught at a developmentally appropriate level, improves physical fitness and skill development, supports and improves academic achievement, reinforces self-discipline and teacher goal setting, reduces stress and increases blood flow to the brain, strengthens peer relationships, and improves self-confidence and self-esteem.
- (2) The physical education standards are categorized into five strands that are of equal importance and value. The movement patterns and movement skills strand guides the physically literate student in the development of fundamental movement patterns, spatial and body awareness, and rhythmic activities. The performance strategies strand guides the physically literate student in using strategies in fundamental components of games, activities, and outdoor and recreational pursuits. The health, physical activity, and fitness strand encompasses health-related fitness, environmental awareness, and safety practices that guide students to a health-enhancing, physically active lifestyle. The physically literate student demonstrates skills and mechanics used during physical activity and analyzes data used during fitness performance. The physically literate student recognizes the correlation between nutrition, hydration, and physical activity. The social and emotional health strand incorporates working with others, responding to class expectations, and applying self-management skills. The lifetime wellness strand engages students in physical activity for the purposes of self-expression, enjoyment, and challenge.
 - (3) Quality physical education programs include a comprehensive curriculum, physical activity, safety policies, safe environments, qualified physical education specialists instructing the class, and student assessment and do not use physical activity as a form of punishment. Texas state law outlines state requirements that support these essential components. In accordance with state law, physical education curriculum and instruction must be sequential, developmentally appropriate, and designed to meet the needs of all students, including students with disabilities, and of all physical ability levels. At least 50% of the physical education class must be used for actual student physical activity at a moderate or vigorous intensity level, which aligns with additional state requirements for a minimum number of minutes for moderate or vigorous physical activity in Kindergarten-Grade 8. Required student-to-teacher ratios of 45-to-1 ensure the proper supervision and safety of students in physical education classes, and school districts must identify how student safety will be maintained if that ratio is exceeded. State law also requires that school districts and charter schools annually assess the physical fitness of students in Grade 3 or higher who are enrolled in a physical education course.
 - (4) Access to course-appropriate physical education equipment is essential to quality instruction. Course-appropriate equipment for all students is imperative for the development of motor skills, manipulative skills, and eventually becoming a physically literate, lifelong learner. Equipment

should include a variety of sizes, weights, and textures to provide differentiated experiences for students of various ability levels.

- (5) The Skill-Based Lifetime Activities course offers students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery in basic sport skills, basic sport knowledge, and health and fitness principles. Students experience opportunities that promote physical literacy and lifetime wellness. Students in Skill-Based Lifetime Activities participate in a minimum of one lifelong activity from each of the following five categories during the course.
 - (A) Target games are activities in which students send an object toward a target.
 - (B) Striking and fielding games are activities in which students strike an object in order to score points within a game.
 - (C) Fitness activities provide opportunities for students to apply fitness principles to accomplish an objective.
 - (D) Rhythmic activities provide opportunities for students to demonstrate or create movement sequences with rhythm.
 - (E) Innovative games and activities with international significance are those games and activities that use new or innovative equipment, have been created by students, or are played internationally.
- (c) Knowledge and skills.
 - (1) Movement patterns and movement skills. The physically literate student applies movement skills while participating in a minimum of five lifelong activities, including one from each of the following categories: target, striking and fielding, fitness, rhythmic, and innovative games and activities with international significance. The student is expected to:
 - (A) exhibit a level of competency in one or more target activities such as archery, disc golf, backyard target games, bowling, and golf;
 - (B) exhibit a level of competency in one or more striking and fielding activities such as kickball, softball, baseball, and racquet sports;
 - (C) exhibit a level of competency in one or more fitness activities that promote cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility;
 - (D) exhibit a level of competency in one or more rhythmic activities; and
 - (E) exhibit a level of competency in one or more innovative games and activities with international significance such as cricket, futsal, speed ball, and team handball.
 - (2) Performance strategies. The physically literate student applies tactics and strategies to be successful in skill-based lifetime activities. The student is expected to:
 - (A) perform skills and strategies consistently;
 - (B) modify movement during performance using appropriate internal and external feedback;
 - (C) describe appropriate practice procedures to improve skill and strategy in a sport;
 - (D) identify the critical elements for successful performance;
 - (E) demonstrate proper officiating techniques, including hand signals, verbal communication, and application of rules, to ensure safe participation in activities; and
 - (F) keep score accurately during games or activities.
 - (3) Health, physical activity, and fitness. The physically literate student applies knowledge of health and fitness principles to participation in skill-based lifetime activities. The student is expected to:
 - (A) establish realistic and challenging health-related fitness goals for selected skill-based lifetime activities;

- (B) apply appropriate safety procedures to prevent or reduce injuries in skill-based lifetime activities; and
 - (C) analyze health and fitness benefits derived from participating in skill-based lifetime activities.
- (4) Social and emotional health. The physically literate student applies principles for social and emotional health to participation in selected skill-based lifetime activities. The student is expected to:
- (A) acknowledge good play from an opponent during competition;
 - (B) explain the importance of accepting the roles and decisions of officials;
 - (C) explain the importance of accepting successes and performance limitations of self and others;
 - (D) discuss the importance of accepting personal responsibility to create and maintain a physically and emotionally safe and nonthreatening environment while officiating; and
 - (E) discuss and apply ways to respond to challenges, successes, and failures in physical activities in socially appropriate ways.
- (5) Lifetime wellness. The physically literate student applies wellness principles to participation in selected skill-based lifetime activities. The student is expected to
- (A) select and participate in at least one skill-based lifetime activity that provides for enjoyment and challenge from each category, including target, striking and fielding, fitness, rhythmic, and innovative games and activities with international significance; and
 - (B) describe how sleep is essential to optimal performance and recovery.

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