

WYOMING

Amount of Required Physical Education: The state requires students to take physical education in grades K-8, but does not have a requirement for the number of minutes. High schools are required to provide physical education.³⁵⁹ The state does not have a method for enforcing the physical education requirements.

Physical Education Equipment and Facilities: The state does not annually assess the availability of appropriate equipment and adequate facilities for students to engage in required physical education instruction.

High School Graduation Requirements: The state does not have a requirement for the number of high school physical education credits needed for graduation. State law specifies that students shall demonstrate proficient performance on the uniform student content and performance standards, including physical education.³⁶⁰

Substitutions: Local school districts are responsible for determining any permitted activities that students are allowed to substitute for required physical education participation or credit.

Exemptions/Waivers: The state does not permit schools or school districts to apply for a waiver from state physical education requirements. Students may not apply for an exemption from required physical education.

Physical Activity: The state does not require elementary schools to provide daily recess, and it does not require a minimum weekly amount of physical activity for elementary, middle school/junior high, or high school students. The state does not prohibit the use of withholding physical activity, including recess, as punishment for disciplinary reasons, nor does it prohibit using physical activity as punishment for inappropriate behavior.

Local School Wellness Policy: The state does not require schools or school districts to provide their local school wellness policy to the state education agency nor to post it online for the public. It does not monitor the implementation of local school wellness policies.

State Standards: The state has adopted standards for physical education, with which all school districts are required to comply.³⁶¹ [The Wyoming Physical Education Content and Performance Standards](#) were last revised in 2014.

Areas addressed in the standards include:

National Standard 1: Competency in a variety of motor skills and movement patterns

National Standard 2: Knowledge of concepts, principles, strategies and tactics related to movement and performance

National Standard 3: Knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness

National Standard 4: Responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others

National Standard 5: Value of physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression and/or social interaction

State Curriculum: The choice of curriculum is a local decision. The state has not promoted use of the Physical Education Curriculum Analysis Tool (PECAT) to schools or school districts.

State Funding for Physical Education Programs: The funding mechanism for the state's physical education programs in school districts and schools varies by district.

Class Size: The state's required student-teacher ratio for academic classes is applicable to physical education.

Grade Point Average (GPA): The state does not require physical education grades to be included in a student's GPA.

Online Physical Education Courses: The state allows students to earn required physical education credits through online physical education courses.

Student Assessment Requirements: The state does not require student assessment directly related to state physical education standards. Assessments are determined at the local level.³⁶²

Fitness Assessment: The state does not require student physical fitness assessment.

Body Mass Index (BMI): N/A

Certification/Licensure of Physical Education Teachers: The state requires physical education teachers to be state

certified/licensed and endorsed to teach physical education at the elementary, middle school/junior high, and high school levels.³⁶³ It also requires physical education teachers to pass a physical education certificate/licensure exam (Praxis) before they are endorsed to teach physical education.

Professional Development of Physical Education

Teachers: Professional development is required in order to maintain/renew one's physical education teacher certification or licensure, but this professional development does not have to be on physical education topics. The state does not provide professional development events or funding specifically for physical education teachers.

Teacher Evaluation: The state does not have a teacher evaluation system for all teachers.

National Board Certification: Support of the National Board Certification process varies by district.

District Physical Education Coordinator: The state does not require each school district to have a licensed physical educator serving as a physical education coordinator. It does not have designated staffing to oversee implementation, compliance, technical assistance, or monitoring of physical education programs in school districts and schools.

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7 (2015); Memorandum No. 2013-029 - Section 10, Wyo. Dept. of Educ. 31-6 (2013), available at <https://edu.wyoming.gov/wordpress/downloads/communications/memos/2013/029-update-regarding-chapter-31-rules-district-assessment-system.pdf>.

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