



Physical Education is a mandated course in New York State. As per education law, article 17, section 803. Under the law, all pupils must be active participants in the physical education program. Students will receive a grade for each physical education class period. These daily grades will be used to calculate their quarterly averages and can be viewed via the Parent Portal on eSchool. The points will be earned according to the following criteria:

### **Physical Education Grading Criteria:**

- **Participation & Student Assessment - 2 points (40% of class average)**
  - Participation is required for each class period and is defined as being actively and cooperatively engaged throughout the class period.
  - The student will receive full credit if they meet all the requirements established by their teacher for that class period.
  - Assessment of students is ongoing and will be conducted both formally and informally. Assessment will be based on the daily learning objectives which are aligned with the [New York State Physical Education Learning Standards](#).
- **Preparedness - 2 points (40% of class average)**
  - Students are required to be prepared for each class period, which means arriving on time and dressing appropriately for physical activity. Some examples of appropriate attire are gym shorts, sweatpants, t-shirts or leggings. Students are required to wear sneakers.
- **Securing of Personal Belongings - 1 point (20% of class average)**
  - Students are required to store and secure all of their personal belongings in their assigned lockers before coming to class. This includes, but is not limited to, cellular devices, smartwatches, backpacks, pocketbooks, earbuds and all other electronics.

**\*\*Absences:** Students who are absent are not able to earn any points for that class period.

- Exceptions include: missing class due to lessons (1 per quarter allowed), field trips, absence with a doctor's note.
- If students have a legal absence from school, their class grade will still result in zero points for that period. However, students are able to earn points back through make ups for that class period according to the policies below.

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### **Physical Education Policies:**

- *Attendance* - If a student exceeds five (5) illegal absences within the first two (2) marking periods, he/she may be dropped from the course.
- *Make Up Classes* - Make up classes are offered early morning from 6:45 - 7:10 am or late afternoon from 1:45-2:27 pm daily for students who missed class due to illness, injury, legal absences, unpreparedness, etc. Make ups are not available for illegal absences.
- *Tardiness* - Students must arrive to class on time and if they are tardy without a pass, points will be deducted from their preparedness.
- *Health and Safety* - Precautions are taken each class to ensure the safety of the students.
  - This includes, in accordance with department policy, that all jewelry be removed before participating in a physical education class. When the removal of such items raises medical concerns, students must provide a doctor's note for reference. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the student to cover their jewelry with tape or band-aids.
  - There is no gum chewing permitted in class.
- *Medical Notes* - Any medical notes regarding health conditions or medical excuses must be brought to the nurse. Only excuses written by a doctor or the Nurse's Office will be accepted.
- *Lockers* - We are not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Please lock them up each class period and do not share your locker combination with anyone.
- *Sportsfolio* - Students who are out on medical for more than three (3) weeks will be assigned to a non-active physical education course called Sportsfolio. Students enrolled in Sportsfolio will receive a daily grade based on a written assignment.
- *Respect* - The physical education department requires that there will be a mutual respect between the staff, their peers, facilities and all rules and procedures. This will ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.

***I have read and understand the above policies and procedures.***

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Student Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date