

Policy Information

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ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY INSTRUCTION

Instructional Programs: Driver Education, Gifted and Talented Education and Physical Education
Policy # 8240

Basic Instructional Program

The basic instructional program shall include all those courses of instruction required by the Education Law, the Rules of the Board of Regents and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as well as such other courses and programs which the Board of Education determines to be beneficial to the students of the District, within the restrictions imposed by limited District resources.

Recognizing the critical need for all students to develop competency in reading, writing and mathematical skills as the basic requirement for successfully functioning in society, the Board established as the first priority of the District the teaching of these basic communication/calculation skills.

Instruction in all courses across the curriculum will emphasize the development of basic communications skills and will require students to utilize these skills as an important part of the instructional process.

Driver Education

A driver education course may be offered under the conditions set forth by the New York State Education Department and Commissioner's Regulations.

Education Law Section 806-a
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 107.2

Gifted and Talented Students

The Board of Education will provide appropriate educational programs for students identified as being gifted and talented.

Education Law Article 90 and Section 3204(2)(b)
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 142

Physical Education Class

All students, except those with medical excuses, shall participate in physical education in accordance with the Commissioner's Regulations, which require that all students attend and participate in physical education as follows:

- a) All students in grades K through 3 shall participate in a daily program for a minimum of 120 minutes per week.
- b) All students in grades 4 through 6 shall participate in a program three (3) times per week for a minimum of 120 minutes per week.

- c) All secondary students (in grades 7 through 12) shall have the opportunity for regular physical education, but not less than three (3) times per week in one (1) semester and two (2) times per week in the other semester. A comparable time each semester shall be provided if the school is organized in other patterns or if students have demonstrated acceptable levels of physical fitness, physical skills and knowledge of physical education activities in extraclass programs or out-of-school activities approved by the physical education staff and the School Administration.
- d) For grades K through 12, a district may provide an equivalent program as approved by the Commissioner of Education.

An excuse from physical education class may be accepted from a licensed physician for medical reasons or a licensed chiropractor for conditions of the spine.

Any student whose condition precludes participation in a regular program shall be provided with adaptive physical education approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Policy References:

Education Law Sections 803 and 3204

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 135.4

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