



NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson, Heidi Keyes

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

6:00 pm

Room A333

(City Hall – 3rd Floor)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Action: Outdoor Recess Guidelines (Policy 6142.61)
3. Discussion: Presentation on "Bring Your Own Device," Ralph Valenzisi
4. Topics for June
5. Adjournment

InstructionPhysical Activity

The Board of Education intends that every student be physically educated – that is, shall develop the knowledge and skills necessary to perform a variety of physical activities, understand the short-and long-term benefits of physical activity and value and enjoy physical activity as an ongoing part of a healthful lifestyle.

Therefore, it is desired that:

- Every student in grades kindergarten through 8th participate in physical education for the entire school year and high school students participate at least eight quarters out of 16. Participation shall include students with disabling conditions and those in alternative education programs.
- The teaching and physical education staffs shall not order performance of physical activity as a form of discipline or punishment.
- Exemptions from physical education courses shall not be permitted on the basis of participation on an athletic team.
- Schools endeavor to provide every secondary school student with opportunities to voluntarily participate in intramural programs, physical activity clubs and/or interscholastic athletics. Equal opportunity on the basis of gender shall permeate all aspects of program design and implementation.
- School authorities develop schedules that provide time within every school day for preschool, kindergarten and elementary school students to enjoy supervised recess, except that a Planning and Placement Team (PPT) may develop a different schedule for a child requiring special education and related services in accordance with state and federal law, as amended from time to time.
- Staff shall not deny participation in recess or other physical activity as a form of discipline or punishment, nor should they cancel it for instructional time.
- Outdoor recess is the priority for students in schools where recess is facilitated. Outdoor recess is at the discretion of the building principal and may be cancelled at any time based upon the following weather conditions:
 1. Precipitation: rain, misting, drizzling, freezing rain, sleet, snow
 2. Temperatures below 20 degrees Fahrenheit
 3. Wind chill factors causing perceived temperatures below 20 degrees
 4. Temperatures 90 degrees Fahrenheit and above (consult with Norwalk Health Department)
 5. In the unlikely event that a field or typical recess area is out of commission during recess time, the building principal or his/her designee may change said location of recess or cancel recess, until further notice, at his/her discretion.

In addition, the Board of Education intends that preventing injuries and illnesses related to physical activity be they joint responsibility of everyone: district and school leaders, school staff, students and their families.

Therefore, the district shall:

- Establish rules and procedures concerning safety, infection control, provision of first aid, and the reporting of injuries and illnesses to students' families and appropriate school and community authorities.

It is desired that the administration make use of in-service training sessions for both certified and non-certified staff to achieve the goals of this policy, and that full cooperation with community agencies be given whenever such cooperation can be advantageous to the students.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 10-221o. Lunch periods. Recess. (As amended by P.A. 12-116, An Act Concerning Educational Reform, and P.A. 13-173, An Act Concerning Childhood Obesity and Physical Exercise in Schools)

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