

## Frequently Asked Questions About the New Physical Education Grading System

**What is different about this year's Physical Education grading system?** The Physical Education grading system has changed from a pass/fail system to a grading system, similar to other courses. Students Physical Education grades are reflected in their GPAs as a half-credit course.

**In what areas are students assessed?** Per 5-week period, students can earn:

Skills: 30 points (6 skill assessments x 5 points each)

Written: 10 points (1 written test worth 10 points)

Participation: 10 points

*The example below demonstrates grading over two 5-week Physical Education class units (one marking period):*

### *First 5-Week Unit*

- Skills: 5 points x 6 skill assessments = 30 points
  - Written: 9 out of 10 points = 9 points
  - Participation: 6 out of 10 classes participated in = 6 points
- 45 out of 50 points earned

### *Second 5-Week Unit*

- Skills: 5 points x 6 skill assessments = 30 points
  - Written: 10 out of 10 points = 10 points
  - Participation: 5 out of 10 classes participated in = 5 points
- 45 out of 50 points earned

**TOTAL GRADE FOR THE 10-WEEK MARKING PERIOD = 90%**

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### Skill Assessment

**Do I have to be a good athlete to get a good grade in Physical Education?** No, you will not be graded on your athleticism. You will be responsible for learning the skills your teachers teach you, and demonstrating them to the best of your ability.

### Written

**What comprises the written component of the grade?** Students are given written assessments at the end of each unit. Students are given study guides for each assessment area.

### Participation

**If I miss a class due to illness/absence/unpreparedness, am I required to make it up?** No, you are not required to makeup classes. You are given an opportunity to makeup classes so that you may earn participation points. If you do not make up the class, you will not earn the participation points. You are also granted one absence per 10 week marking period.

**Am I permitted any absences from Physical Education class?** You are permitted absences for classes missed due to school sponsored activities (field trips, athletic events, college visits, etc.).

**What happens if I miss more than one class?** You can earn participation points by attending a makeup class.

**How can I makeup a class?**

Students can make up classes:

- During the school day (as arranged with the teacher)
- At open makeup sessions Wednesdays after school
- Participating in an intramural activity after school
- During any pre-set time established with their teacher

**How will my grade be impacted if I do not makeup my classes?** The grading example above demonstrates how your grade could be impacted if you choose not to makeup Physical Education classes. In the example, the student selected not to make up 9 missed classes in a 10-week marking period. The student was still able to earn a 90% for the semester.

**What happens if I cannot participate due to injury?** You may participate in a modified program to earn credit. The program varies and may have a written component, depending on your physical limitations.