

Health and Physical Education Mastery Based Credit

The board recognizes the value of providing students a health and physical education. Health and physical education comprise extensive content areas that include, but are not limited to, the development of knowledge and skills to be physically active, eat nutritiously, access reliable health information and services, communicate effectively, and set health-enhancing goals. Students may further develop their health and fitness skills through independent activities and programs. The district encourages students and their families to take advantage of any learning opportunities in health and physical education available to them.

The district also recognizes the importance of allowing students to learn at their own pace, and the educational benefits that can be gained by giving students the opportunity to demonstrate competency of skills, proficiency of standards, and mastery of concepts.

As described in the procedures, the district will award credits in health and physical activity to students based on demonstrated mastery/proficiency across a range of skills in health and fitness.

To ensure cultural responsiveness and equity in awarding mastery-based credit, the district will collect and annually review disaggregated data to see which subgroups of students are receiving mastery-based credit. If disproportionality is found, the district will take appropriate actions to ensure equitable access to these crediting opportunities.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.230.090, High school graduation requirements or equivalencies - Reevaluation of graduation requirements - Review and authorization of proposed changes - Credit for courses taken before attending high school - Postsecondary credit equivalencies
WAC 180-51-050, High school credit - Definition
RCW 28A.210.365, Food choice, physical activity, childhood fitness - Minimum standards - District waiver or exemption policy
RCW 28A.230.050, Physical education in high schools
WAC 180-51-051 Procedure for granting students mastery-based credit

Management Resources:

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