



**Amount of Required Physical Education:** Minnesota mandates physical education in grades K-8, and allows local districts to determine whether daily recess is required in elementary school. Their state also mandates that high schools provide their students with physical education. Local school boards are responsible for ensuring that all state requirements are met.

**High School Graduation Requirements:** There is no state requirement for physical education credit for graduation.

**Substitutions:** The state permits school districts or schools to allow students to substitute other activities for their required physical education credit. Each district must develop local standards in physical education, and substitutions are permitted if the local district determines that participation in the activity meets all the standard requirements.

**Exemptions/Waivers:** The state recognizes exemptions only for religious or health purposes. Local school boards can grant these waivers or determine exemptions.

**State Standards:** The state has not developed its own standards for physical education.

**State Curriculum:** The state does not require the use of specific curricula for elementary, middle school/junior high or high school physical education. Local school districts determine the curricula, which includes the option of using a commercial curriculum.

**Class Size:** The state does not specify a teacher-to-student ratio.

**Online Physical Education Courses:** Physical education credits may be earned through online physical education courses. Content of all online physical education courses is determined by the online providers. Local districts can review the online course syllabus to determine whether the course meets the local physical education program requirements in order to extend the credit. All students are eligible, and all courses are taught by state-certified physical education teachers.

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**Student Assessment Requirements:** The state does not require student assessment in physical education.

**Fitness Testing:** The state does not require the use of a particular fitness test protocol.

**State Comprehensive Assessment Test:** The state has a required comprehensive assessment test for graduation, but physical education is not measured in this test.

**Education Report Card:** The state has an education report card for each school, but physical education is not included as one of the subject areas.

**Body Mass Index (BMI):** The state does not require schools to collect students' BMI or height and weight.

**Certification/Licensure of Physical Education Teachers:** The state requires certification or licensure of physical education teachers at the elementary, middle school/junior high and high school levels. Elementary classroom teachers (generalists) may teach required elementary school physical education classes. Teachers must pass PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II exams for certification.

**Professional Development of Physical Education Teachers:** Professional development continuing education hours or credits are required in order to maintain/renew one's physical education teacher certification or licensure. The state also requires professional development for physical education teachers on physical education topics, comparable to other curricular area. No state funding is provided for this professional development.

**Temporary Certification:** Temporary or emergency teacher certification may be granted for three years to anyone holding a bachelor's degree in teaching or education.

**National Board Certification (NBC):** The state does not actively encourage physical education teachers to become certified through the NBC process.

**District Physical Education Coordinator:** The state does not require each school district to have a licensed physical educator serving as a PE coordinator.

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