
Current Status of Physical Education in Oregon

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Recent History (and Future) of Oregon's Physical Education Legislation



(1999) Content standards for Physical Education passes

(2001) Content standards approved by state board

(2007) PE legislation (HB 3141) passes providing students K-8 with a specific number of minutes of PE each week throughout the school year

- Grades K-5 receive 150 minutes/week
- Grades 6-8 receive 225 minutes per week

(2017) PE mandate goes into effect in 2017-2018 school year

2007 PE legislation

- HB 3141 became ORS 329.496 in 2011
- Mandates year round PE and minutes/week for K-8
- Specifies minimum requirements and professional development for physical education
- Mandate effective in 2017-2018 School year – 10 years given to get ready!
 - Teachers hired and trained
 - Facilities and equipment in order
 - Schedules worked out
- Requires data collection beginning in 2009 biennium
- Provides capacity building grants (PEEK-8)



Physical Education Data Collection

- Data is collected and reported annually – beginning in 2007
- Must be a planned instructional program to count as PE minutes (e.g. free-play at recess does not count)
- School districts must report to Oregon Department of Education:
 - Number of PE minutes students K-8 receive per week
 - The physical capacity of schools to provide PE minutes
 - Additional facility needs to provide PE minutes



PEEK-8 Grants

- Stands for “PE Expansion K-8”
- Capacity-building grants
- Two types of grants:
 - Professional development
 - Teacher hire



» Not consistently funded

» Funding has come from General Fund and Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement

Preparing for 2017 Mandate: Success and Limitations



- » 99 Schools in 33 districts have received PEEK-8 grants
- » Some districts have shown a significant increase in PE minutes

- Based on ODE's last PE data report (2013) schools are providing fewer minutes of PE than in 2007
- Capacity at the state level (ODE) is extremely limited
- Schools and districts have significant work to do to meet the 2017 mandate