

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 7.07
PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

(1) GRADING PRACTICES

(a) Each teacher should carefully evaluate and assess his/her grading procedures to eliminate inequities and malpractice in grading students.

(b) Students who attend class on a regular basis, have good attitudes, and put forth an honest effort to improve should not fail.

(c) Students should not fail on the basis of physical ability alone. Participation, improvement, knowledge, and skill development must also be considered.

(2) OPTIONAL PASS/FAIL GRADING

All students in grades 9-12 shall be allowed to enroll in any physical education courses with the understanding that their accomplishments in those courses shall be evaluated either as passing (recorded grade is "P") or unsatisfactory (recorded grade is "U").

(3) SHOWERS

In all high schools, students shall be provided with towels and requested to take showers on a voluntary basis. Swim classes are not included in this policy. (Note: All students are required to take showers before and after swimming instruction.)

(4) LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL MANDATES

(a) In an effort to assure that all MPS schools meet state-mandated physical education requirements (Section 121.02(L)) and the federally mandated Wellness Policy, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors has instituted the following time allocations for MPS students:

- a total of 100 minutes of physical education per week for Grades 1-3
- 120 minutes for Grades 4-6
- 125 minutes for grades 7-8 per week
- 1.5 credits for high-school students

(b) Principals are to ensure that these requirements are met. Principals are responsible for monitoring the scheduling of elementary, middle- and high-school physical education classes and to ensure that all students receive the appropriate amount of instruction and physical activity.

(c) When the elementary physical education specialist cannot fully schedule the required weekly allocation, it becomes the responsibility of the elementary classroom teacher to conduct the additional activities to meet the Board-approved time requirements. Elementary classroom teachers are encouraged to work with their physical education specialists in order to provide lessons that complement the district-wide physical education scope and sequence.

(d) Each school should develop a schedule by which teachers may use the gymnasium on a regular basis in order to comply with Administrative Policy 7.07.

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Cross Ref.:

Admin. Policy	4.05	School Nutrition Management
Admin. Policy	4.06	Vending Machines
Admin. Policy	4.07	Student Nutrition & Wellness Policy
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Admin. Policy	7.06	Health Education
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Admin. Policy	7.09	Human Growth and Development
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Admin. Policy	9.08	Advertising in the Schools
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