

Revised: MIDDLE SCHOOL and K-8 PRINCIPALS: Middle School Physical Education Requirement

Category:

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle)

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Physical Education SB 610 Waiver Letter English.doc](#)
[Physical Education SB 610 Waiver Letter Spanish.doc](#)
[Physical Education SB 610 Waiver Letter Haitian Creole.doc](#)

Florida Senate Bill 610 became law in June 2008. The Statute requires that students take a minimum of one semester of physical education in grades 6,7, and 8.

All Middle School and K-8 Principals:

- **The letters have been revised.**
- Beginning in 2009-2010, State Statute requires the equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for a minimum of one semester each year for students in grades 6 through 8.
- The Statute takes effect during the 2009-2010 school year for all three middle school grades. There is no phase in.
- The physical education requirement shall be waived for a student who meets one of the following criteria: 1. The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course (**including Developmental Language Arts through ESOL courses**); 2. The student's parent or guardian indicates in writing to the school that the student be waived from this requirement and the parent specifies which course the student be enrolled in from the list of school course offerings at the time of subject selection.
- Students who do not meet the above waiver criteria must take a minimum of one semester of physical education each of the three years in middle school.
- The attached waiver letter must go home to parents at the time of subject selection.
- Student enrolled in grades 6-8 may still elect to take physical education for the annual courses, Comprehensive Physical Education 1,2, and 3 or a combination of semester courses.
- A meeting is in the process of being scheduled with the middle school principal liaisons.

Contact: Dr. Jayne Greenberg, Executive Director (305-995-1963)

Department: Physical Education and Health Literacy