

Unit 3: Physical Fitness

Content Area: **Physical Education**
Course(s):
Time Period: **Full Year**
Length: **Full Year**
Status: **Published**

Unit Overview

Students will explain and perform gross motor and movement skills with developmentally appropriate control in isolated settings and applied settings.

Enduring Understandings

- Manipulate and utilize proper technique while performing a specific skills within different fitness activities
- Participation in physical activity develops and maintains a healthy, active lifestyle.

Essential Questions

- What is the minimum amount of exercise I can do to stay physically fit?
- What can we do to be physically active and why is this important?
- Why is physical fitness so important when participating in any sport?
- What are some different ways to become physically fit?
- How can being physically fit benefit you for the rest of life?

Learning Objectives

- Identify the importance of being physically fit at any age.
- Explain the role of regular physical activity in relation to personal health.
- Explain what it means to be physically fit and engage in moderate to vigorous.
- Demonstrate proper mechanics throughout exercise movements.
- Sustain game play during individual and team sports.

Standards: Content

Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Practices The ten Comprehensive Health and Physical Education practices describe the ways in which individuals in these field engage in their careers as well as reflect the actions and behaviors of active, informed, responsible individuals and contributing community members. Curriculum writers and educators will want to consider how they can design learning experiences that will enable their students to develop these skills in conjunction with the content knowledge reflected in the core ideas and performance expectations.

- Acting as responsible and contributing member of society
- Building and maintaining healthy relationships
- Communicating clearly and effectively (verbal and nonverbal)
- Resolving conflict
- Attending to personal health, emotional, social and physical well-being
- Engaging in an active lifestyle
- Making decisions
- Managing-self
- Setting goals
- Using technology tools responsibly

2.2.5.PF	Physical Fitness The components of fitness contribute to enhanced personal health as well as motor skill performance (e.g., speed, agility, endurance, strength, balance).
2.2.5.PF.1	Identify the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual benefits of regular physical activity that effect personal health.
2.2.5.PF.2	Accept and respect others of all skill levels and abilities during participation.
2.2.5.PF.3	Participate in moderate to vigorous age-appropriate physical fitness activities and build the skills that address each component of health-related fitness (e.g., endurance, strength, speed, agility, flexibility, balance).
2.2.5.PF.4	Develop a short term and/or a long-term health-related fitness goal (e.g., cardiorespiratory endurance 'heart & lungs', muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, body composition, nutrition) to evaluate personal health.
2.2.5.PF.5	Determine how different factors influence personal fitness and other healthy lifestyle choices (e.g., heredity, physical activity, nutrition, sleep, technology). Wellness is maintained, and gains occur over time (dimensions and components of health) when participating and setting goals in a variety of moderate to vigorous age appropriate physical activities.
2.2.5.LF.1	Explain the need to engage in physical activities on a voluntary basis for emotional and physical enjoyment.

2.2.5.LF.2	Develop a movement vocabulary that is flexible and adaptable for personal physical activity and wellness.
2.2.5.LF.3	Proactively engage in movement and physical activity for enjoyment individually or with others.
2.2.5.LF.4	Perform and increase the range of motion in dynamic stretching and breathing exercises (e.g., dynamic cardiovascular warm-up exercises, martial arts, aerobics, yoga). Personal and community resources can support physical activity.
2.2.5.LF.5	Describe how community resources could be used to support participation in a variety of physical activities, sports and wellness.
2.3.5.PS.5	Communicate personal boundaries and demonstrate ways to respect other people's personal boundaries.

Standards: Interdisciplinary

9.4.5.CI.1	Use appropriate communication technologies to collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives about a local and/or global climate change issue and deliberate about possible solutions (e.g., W.4.6, 3.MD.B.3, 7.1.NM.IPERS.6).
8.1.5.CS.1	Model how computing devices connect to other components to form a system.
1.1.5.Cr1a	Use a variety of stimuli (e.g., music, sound, text, objects, images, notation, experiences, observed dance, literary forms, natural phenomena, current news) to build dance content.
9.4.5.CI.4	Research the development process of a product and identify the role of failure as a part of the creative process (e.g., W.4.7, 8.2.5.ED.6).
L.KL.5.1	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
L.VL.5.2	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning academic and domain-specific words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
L.WF.3.3	Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing including those listed under grade two foundational skills.
L.VL.4.2	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning academic and domain-specific words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
RI.CR.5.1	Quote accurately from an informational text when explaining what the text says explicitly and make relevant connections when drawing inferences from the text.
L.KL.3.1	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
9.4.5.IML.5	Distinguish how media are used by individuals, groups, and organizations for varying purposes. (e.g., 1.3A.5.R1a).
L.VL.3.2	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning academic and domain-specific words and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
RI.CR.4.1	Refer to details and examples as textual evidence when explaining what an informational text says explicitly and make relevant connections when drawing inferences from the text.
RI.CR.3.1	Ask and answer questions and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of an informational text, referring explicitly to textual evidence as the basis for the answers.
W.WR.4.5	Conduct short research projects that use multiple reference sources (print and non-print)

	and build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
W.RW.4.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (with time for research and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.
SL.PE.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
SL.PE.4.1.D	Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
W.RW.3.7	Engage in independent and task-based writing for both short and extended periods of time, producing written work routinely.
SL.AS.4.6	Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation.
SL.UM.3.5	Use multimedia to demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details.
SL.AS.3.6	Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.

Assessment Evidence

Formative	Teacher informal observations, class discussion, class participation, oral and written responses.
Summative	Written tests, skill tests, FITT Assessment, Projects, oral & written assessments.
Alternative & Benchmark	Alternative - Read to the student and chart oral responses, graphic organizers, observations, portfolios of student work, orally administered assessments, Project based-learning, Sketchbook Benchmark – LinkIt Benchmark Assessment, Teacher generated summative assessments
Assessment Evidence Resource	

Instructional Resources

[Instructional Resource List 2026-2027 - ONLINE - Copy.xlsx](#)

Curricular Mandates

Below are the curricular requirements as defined in NJ Administrative Code and Statute

	Amistad	X	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
	Holocaust		LGBT and Disabilities (Grades 6-12)
	Climate Change		Asian American & Pacific Islander

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies

[NJ Social and Emotional Learning Competencies & Sub-Competencies](#)

X	Self-Awareness	X	Relationship Skills
X	Responsible Decision-Making	X	Social Awareness
X	Self-Management		

21st Century Skills & Themes

X	Global and Cultural Awareness	Technology Literacy	Planning and Budgeting
X	Creativity and Innovation	Financial Institutions	Risk Management and Insurance
	Information and Media Literacy	Digital Citizenship	Economic and Government Influences
	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	Credit Profile	Career Awareness and Planning
	Civic Financial Responsibility	Financial Psychology	