

Mountain View Physical Education Expectations and Grading Policy

Greetings from Coach Hunter, Coach Frechette, and Coach Smart. This document will inform you about the policies, procedures, and student expectations in our PE program.

Students are assessed based on the following standards:

- Standard 1: Student demonstrates an understanding of activity skills and rules.
- Standard 2: Student demonstrates sportsmanship and works safely and cooperatively with others.
- Standard 3: Student accepts and responds to challenges, demonstrating full effort in all activities.
- Standard 4: Student cooperates with and demonstrates respect for classmates and coaches.

Grades are entered online numerically and are converted by the system to the following letter grades:

- E = Excellent: Student consistently meets curriculum standards over time
- S = Satisfactory: Student meets curriculum standards over time, but needs occasional prompting and/or reflection time
- N = Needs Improvement: Student inconsistently meets curriculum standards over time, needs frequent prompting and/or reflection time
- U = Unacceptable: Student is not yet able to meet curriculum standards even with direct support, ongoing prompting, and frequent reflection time.

GRADING POLICY

We recognize that each student is unique in their level of physical fitness, motor development, and interests. We have structured our grading policy to ensure that each student will receive a grade of E as long as they participate and give best effort in ALL activities.

GRADING POLICY (continued)

- 75-80% of a student's grade is based on participation and effort. Your student demonstrates this by participating in all activities to the best of their ability. Each week of a quarter, students receive a grade for "Participation/Effort." Grades are entered ahead of time and default at 100. This grade will only be reduced if the student does not meet expectations.
- 20-25% of a student's grade is based on results of formal skills testing.

Unfortunately, some students do not care to participate during PE. Some don't care for the activity or do not want to exercise. Often these students choose to perform with little or no effort, or they insist on sitting out the activity. When this happens we attempt to motivate these students to participate. If your child continues this choice, his/her weekly Participation/Effort grade will be reduced. A note will be sent home notifying you about your child's choices.

PLEASE KNOW: All of the lessons that we teach reflect state-standards, which **MUST** be taught in physical education classes.

GYM CLASS MANAGEMENT AND STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner during PE classes. Students who choose to disregard our expectations will be told what they are doing wrong and given a reminder of what is expected. Continued misconduct will result in a lowering of the Participation/Effort grade. Our expectations are:

- Demonstrate safe conduct
- Comply with coach's directives the **FIRST** time given
- Demonstrate respect for coaches and classmates
- Listen actively during instruction
- Do not handle equipment until instruction has taken place
- **PARTICIPATE WITH FULL EFFORT DURING ALL ACTIVITIES**
- Play fairly and demonstrate good sportsmanship during all activities

BATHROOMS AND WATER POLICY

Students are allowed to use the restroom or get a drink from the water fountain during movement activities. They do not need to ask permission. We encourage them to refrain from this during verbal instruction but will not deny them.

APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

Students are expected to wear footwear which will allow for safe movements common during PE class. If a coach feels that a student's footwear is not appropriate for that day's activities, that student will sit out class. A repeat of this will result in a lowering of the student's Participation/Effort grade.

Pre-K AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Primary grade students are new to organized movement activities that are taught in physical education class. We understand that students this age react to stimuli with intense emotions and will occasionally act impulsively due to the excitement of the moment and the environment of the gym. However, we must maintain a safe and orderly environment in order for the students to learn and move effectively. Students who are experiencing self-control issues will be taught appropriate ways to conduct themselves in our class. Students who continue dangerous behavior will be placed in a safe reflection spot. Parents will be notified if their child's behavior is dangerous to themselves or others. PRIMARY GRADE STUDENTS DO NOT RECEIVE FORMAL EVALUATIONS OR REPORT CARD GRADES.

CONTACTING THE COACHES

Please contact us by note or call the gym office at 336-1900 with questions or concerns. It is our sincere hope that our cooperative efforts will lead to a successful and enjoyable year in physical education for your child.

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