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Daily Physical Activity in Schools

Grades 7 and 8



A Message to Teachers

Every day you find new ways to teach lessons, design dynamic programs, and find creative activities that appeal to your students. You create a learning environment that nurtures the whole child – including the child's physical health. By doing this you make an invaluable contribution to children's growth and development.

You are the experts in determining what will work in your own classroom. Everyone has their own style and approach. That's why we are providing supports to help you incorporate daily physical activity into your school day. This guide provides a large selection of activities, as well as helpful resources and tools.

You understand that student achievement depends on more than traditional classroom work. It is maximized when students reach their academic, emotional, and physical potential. Research shows that daily physical activity improves concentration and academic achievement and can enhance math, reading, and writing test scores. Your guidance is essential to your students' success.

Twenty minutes of daily physical activity is critical not only to improving student achievement but also to making publicly funded schools healthier places to learn. It is another step in the government's comprehensive Healthy Schools plan. Highlights of the plan include directing school boards to remove all junk food from vending machines in elementary schools, providing funding to school boards to help them open up schools to non-profit community groups for use after hours and year-round, and providing funding to hire two thousand new specialist teachers in key areas such as literacy and numeracy, music, the arts, and physical education. But we can't move ahead without your help.

With daily physical activity, you will make yet another impression on the lives of your students. Making activity a regular part of their day will show students the importance that you place on being healthy and active – a lesson that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

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Chapter 3

Chapter 1



The Ministry of Education supports and promotes the participation of students in daily physical activity, and is committed to supporting a healthy school environment.

This resource guide is intended to assist teachers of students in Grades 7 and 8 in implementing the policy on daily physical activity outlined in Policy/Program Memorandum No. 138, "Daily Physical Activity in Elementary Schools, Grades 1–8," October 6, 2005. This policy requires that all students in Grades 1 to 8, including students with special needs, be provided with opportunities to participate in a minimum of twenty minutes of sustained moderate to vigorous physical activity each school day during instructional time. The goal of daily physical activity is to enable all elementary students to improve or maintain their physical fitness and their overall health and wellness, and to enhance their learning opportunities. The electronic versions of *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1–8: Health and Physical Education, 1998,* which are posted on the Ministry of Education website at http://www.edu.gov.on.ca, have been revised to reflect this requirement.

Implementation of Daily Physical Activity in the Classroom

It is important that all activities be conducted in accordance with school board policies.¹ Teachers should be aware of all policies, procedures, and guidelines that are in place regarding physical activity for students, including those related to safety. Teachers may need to consult their principal before beginning activities for their students.

The following excerpts from Policy/Program Memorandum No. 138 outline implementation policy:

Daily physical activity may be incorporated into the instructional day in a variety of ways. For instance, twenty minutes or more of physical activity during a scheduled health and physical education class would meet the daily physical activity requirement. Since physical activity is only one component of a complete health and physical education program, there will be days when a health and physical education class does not include physical activity. On these days and on days when no health and physical education class is scheduled, other opportunities for at least twenty minutes of physical activity during the instructional day will need to be provided. Integrating physical activity into other curriculum areas is one appropriate strategy.

All activities must be adapted, as appropriate, to ensure that students with special needs can participate in them. Such adaptations must be consistent with the accommodations and/or modifications that are typically found in a student's Individual Education Plan.

Since individual classes may be at different stages of implementation, daily physical activity may initially occur in several short sessions (a minimum of ten minutes each) over the course of the school day. Elementary school principals will make their best effort to ensure that students are receiving at least twenty minutes of sustained moderate to vigorous daily physical activity during instructional time as soon as possible, and will meet this objective by the end of the 2005–06 school year.

^{1.} The terms *school board* and *board* are used throughout this document to refer to district school boards and school authorities.

"Health and physical education are essential to the entire school curriculum. Studies show that students who participate in physical activity each day exhibit improved memory, concentration, and communication, problem-solving, and leadership abilities, which improve their learning in other subject areas. Such students also display more positive attitudes towards themselves, improved interpersonal behaviour, and a willingness to meet and deal with the challenges of daily life."

The Ontario Curriculum,
 Grades 1–8: Health and Physical
 Education, 1998, p. 5.

"Encouraging kids to build physical activity into their daily routine helps to create a pattern that may stay with them for the rest of their lives."

"The goal is to get the children moving more. As a teacher who is in daily contact with children you can do a lot to help. You can build physical activity thinking and behaviour into your classroom and help kids to become aware of the need for physical activity."

 Health Canada, Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living: Teacher's Guide to Physical Activity for Children (6–9 Years of Age), 2002, pp. 1 and 2.

To access this guide, visit **www.paguide.com**.

Benefits of Daily Physical Activity

It is widely acknowledged that physical activity is essential to children's growth and development. Regular physical activity can have a positive impact on students' physical, mental, and social well-being. In particular, physical activity is likely to have an impact on students' achievement, readiness to learn, behaviour, and self-esteem. Positive experiences with physical activity at a young age also help lay the foundation for healthy, productive lives. Research also indicates that children are in danger of developing serious diseases associated with obesity, which can result from a lack of physical activity. The following are examples taken from the research on this subject:

- "Studies demonstrate the positive effects daily physical activity has on student performance and academic achievement in terms of memory, observation, problem-solving and decision-making, as well as significant improvements in attitudes, discipline, behaviours and creativity."
- J. J. Keays and K. R. Allison, "The Effects of Regular Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity on Student Outcomes: A Review", *Canadian Journal of Public Health* 86, no. 1, (January/February 1995), p. 64.
- "Between 1981 and 1996, the number of obese children in Canada between the ages of seven and 13 tripled. This is contributing to a dramatic rise in illnesses such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, hypertension and some cancers.... many young people do not have the opportunity to be physically active every day..."
- 2004 Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health Report: Healthy Weights, Healthy Lives
 (Toronto: Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario, 2004), p. 2.
- o "School-based healthy eating and physical activity programs provide a great opportunity to enhance the future health and well-being of children because they can reach almost all children and may (1) enhance learning and provide social benefits, (2) enhance health during critical periods of growth and maturation, (3) lower the risk for chronic diseases in adulthood, and (4) help to establish healthy behaviors at an early age that will lead to lifelong healthy habits."
- Paul J. Veugelers and Angela L. Fitzgerald, "Effectiveness of School Programs in Preventing Childhood Obesity: A Multilevel Comparison", *American Journal of* Public Health 95, no. 3 (March 2005), p. 434.
- "Analysis of data from the CCHS [Canadian Community Health Survey], the CFLRI [Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute's] Physical Activity Monitor, and the HBSC [Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children] survey indicates that less than half of Canadian children and youth are physically active on a daily basis to a degree of energy expenditure that meets the guidelines for healthy growth and development."
- Active Healthy Kids Canada, *Dropping the Ball: Canada's Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth, 2005* (Toronto, 2005), p. 7.
- "...studies generally support the suggestion from cross-sectional data that academic performance is maintained or even enhanced by an increase in a student's level of habitual physical activity, despite a reduction in curricular or free time for the study of academic material."
- Roy J. Shephard, "Curricular Physical Activity and Academic Performance", *Pediatric Exercise Science 9* (1997), p. 119.

Motivating Students to Participate and Meet Goals

Research suggests that children and youth can be motivated to participate in physical activity for the following three key reasons:

- **Enjoyment.** If physical activities are fun, young people are more likely to participate in them. Also, an enjoyable physical activity can be more appealing to young people than a less engaging sedentary one.
- Development of competence in physical skills. Young people enjoy and gain confidence from developing and demonstrating physical fitness and movement skills.
- **Social acceptance.** Participating in physical activities can help young people make friends and gain acceptance from their peers.²

FIVE STEPS FOR SUCCESS

Listed below are five key steps or strategies that teachers can use, in combination, to help students try new behaviours and develop new life patterns.

Help students develop awareness. Make young people active participants in the process of changing their behaviour. We know that youth are far more motivated when they are part of the decision-making process and not just passive recipients of instruction! Help students become aware of how active they are. For example, ask them to keep a record of the time they spend every day doing something that involves physical activity. This awareness will help students pay attention to what they do with their time, which is essential to the next step.

Have students set goals. Goal setting is part of any change process and helps students monitor their behaviour and measure their own progress. In the classroom, students can contribute to setting a class goal for physical activity, or each student can set an individual short- or long-term goal. Encourage students to set goals that can be broken down into small, incremental steps. Students should try to reach their goal, then assess their progress, revise and reset their goal, and try again. Help students establish their own goals so that they can take responsibility for their progress and be involved in revising their plans.

Give specific feedback and encouragement. Provide helpful, specific feedback, on a regular basis, about activities students have tried and progress they have made towards the goals they have set. Encourage students along the way.

Get students to commit to their goals. Making a commitment is critical for success. Provide frequent opportunities to discuss goals, in order to help students strengthen their commitment.

Recognize and celebrate successes. Reinforce positive behaviours, and celebrate successes throughout the year.

Adapted from: Health Canada, Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living:
 Teacher's Guide to Physical Activity for Children (6–9 Years of Age), 2002, p. 3.

"Students' attitudes towards health and physical education can have a significant effect on their achievement of the [curriculum] expectations.

To learn effectively and develop positive attitudes towards healthy active living, students should enjoy the skill-development and physical activities."

 The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1–8: Health and Physical Education, 1998, p. 4.

Adapted from: President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, "Motivating Kids in Physical Activity", Research Digest, series 3, no. 11 (September 2000), p. 1.

OVERVIEW – TEACHER'S CHECKLIST

Become familiar with and meet ministry policy requirements and board expectations.
Ensure that all relevant protocols, policies, and guidelines related to physical activity, safety, and inclusion of all students have been addressed and documented.
Access appropriate resources to support implementation of daily physical activity (see Appendix D: Resources).
Establish a plan to implement daily physical activity that ensures that the activities and facilities are appropriate for every student (see Chapter 2).
Make full use of available facilities that are appropriate for physical activity.
When scheduling daily physical activity time within a physical education class, ensure that it supplements the health and physical education curriculum.
Determine who can assist with the implementation of daily physical activity.
Ensure that the physical activity areas are safe and that safety procedures are followed (see Appendix A: Safety Guidelines).
Provide physical activities that are enjoyable and that motivate students to participate in them.
Ensure that daily physical activity time has all the key components (a warm-up, moderate to vigorous physical activity, a cool-down) (see Chapter 3 and Appendix C: Stretches for Warm-up and Cool-down Activities).



Chapter 2

PLANNING FOR DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



The implementation of daily physical activity requires careful and creative planning to ensure that every student has access to daily physical activities that are safe and of high quality and that promote positive health behaviours that students can draw upon for a lifetime.

When planning to implement daily physical activity, teachers should be aware of any school-wide plans that provide support and coordination with respect to facilities, implementation models, and resources. It is also important for teachers to be aware of all existing areas that are available for physical activity (e.g., outdoor space, activity room, multipurpose room, classroom, gymnasium) and the different approaches that can be used to implement daily physical activity.

Planning daily physical activity time for students requires careful attention to safety, inclusion of all students, scheduling and timetabling, and use of facilities. This chapter provides support for teachers in integrating daily physical activity into their regular programs.

Requirements for Daily Physical Activity (DPA)

- DPA must consist of at least 20 minutes of sustained moderate to vigorous physical activity daily.
- DPA must be scheduled during instructional time.
- DPA can occur in a variety of locations, including classrooms, the outdoors, the gymnasium, and multipurpose rooms.

SAFETY IN DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Before beginning daily physical activities, teachers should be aware of all policies, procedures, and guidelines related to safety that the school board and school may have in place. Teachers may need to consult their principal before beginning activities with their students.

Safety considerations are integral to the planning and implementation of daily physical activity for students. The primary responsibility for the care and safety of students rests with each school board and its employees. Reasonably foreseeable risks must be identified, and procedures must be developed to help prevent or minimize the risk of accidents or injuries. Teachers need to be aware of up-to-date information, observe students carefully, and act with common sense and foresight. Effective supervision, as well as the development of consistent routines and expectations for all facilities and activities, will allow teachers to manage risks.

"Schools must develop procedures to ensure the highest possible level of safety, while allowing students to engage in a broad range of challenging activities. Safety guidelines should outline the practices to be followed for each activity, addressing questions related to equipment, clothing, facilities, special rules and instructions, and supervision."

 The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1–8: Health and Physical Education, 1998, p. 3.

Safety Tips

- Be familiar with board safety policies and access appropriate safety policies and documents for support.
- Carefully plan and implement safe instructional practices.
- Communicate to students and parents about safety and the importance of safe practices.
- Develop consistent expectations and routines.
- Implement and enforce safe practices.

Educators should select age-appropriate activities, give attention to appropriate progression in the level of difficulty of the skills involved, and ensure that facilities and equipment are used safely. By implementing such safe instructional practices in program planning and daily teaching, educators can reduce risks and guard against preventable injuries. Daily physical activity time should challenge the innate desire of each child to explore, experiment, and be creative. It should provide students with a safe and supportive environment in which they can all be physically active participants and benefit from opportunities that enhance self-confidence.

Students and parents need to feel confident about the school's attention to safety. They develop this confidence in a variety of ways – for example, when they see that safety considerations inform instructional practices in class and when they receive information from the school about its attention to safety (e.g., in a letter to parents).

Safety guidelines are described in detail in Appendix A of this resource guide.

INCLUSION OF ALL STUDENTS IN DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

General Considerations

Daily physical activities can offer students of all abilities an opportunity to participate in developmentally appropriate, enjoyable activities with their peers. Some students may require additional support and/or assistance to participate in the activities. However, through ongoing participation, all students will have an opportunity to receive the associated health, academic, and social benefits.

Effective planning helps to ensure that all students have opportunities to participate in a safe and supportive environment. All daily physical activities should be designed to ensure that students with varying physical abilities can participate and experience enjoyment and success. Communication with parents and with other school staff is important in determining any accommodations or adaptations to daily physical activities that may be necessary to allow a student to participate.³ Communication should start with the development of the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Ongoing communication assists with the assessment of progress, and is also important for supporting effective implementation of the IEP. Teachers responsible for daily physical activity need to plan activities according to the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), which are based on the concept that assistance targeted to one specific group can help everyone. Instruction based on UDL principles can meet the special needs of a variety of students. It is flexible, supportive, and adjustable, and increases the opportunity for all students to achieve success.

For students with special needs, it is essential that the teachers responsible for daily physical activity work closely with the physical education teacher. All teachers need to be aware of the following information, which should be included in the student's IEP:

- Information about the student for example, the student's age; overall skill level; fitness level; areas of need that can have an impact on daily physical activity, such as difficulties with mobility, perception, attention, social skills; attitude towards active living; past experience with physical activity
- All collection, use, and disclosure of personal information must be consistent with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and with policies outlined in The Ontario Student Record (OSR) Guideline, 2000.

"Recognizing the needs of exceptional students and providing appropriate programs and services for them are important aspects of planning and implementing the curriculum.... An IEP defines the student's educational program as one that is based on and modified by the results of continuous assessment and evaluation.

 The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1–8: Health and Physical Education, 1998, p. 6.

- Sources of support for example, support from school board personnel, the principal, professional organizations, family, peers, volunteers, or program or education assistants
- Particular safe practices that may be required for example, the possible need for plans for an emergency

Teachers also need to do the following:

- Incorporate individual accommodations noted in the student's IEP.
- Select appropriate activities and facilities.
- If required, make adaptations or modifications (the latter only if assessment of a curriculum expectation is involved). Adaptations may need to be made to equipment, skill complexity, rules, and/or use of space.
- Implement and evaluate physical activities and safety checks.

It is important to remember that adaptations may not always be necessary. When adaptations have to be made, it is important to ensure that the integrity of the activity is retained for all students as much as possible. There is a continuum of adaptations, from minimal to considerable. Adaptations that increase the likelihood of success for the student with special needs but do not affect the program for others are the most desirable. To adapt an activity, teachers should take into consideration the abilities and the past experiences of all students. In planning activities, teachers first need to consider possible changes to the activity that will allow all students to participate. In some cases, the teacher may need to make adaptations for an individual student. On very rare occasions, the student may need to participate in a parallel activity. The following summarizes the ways in which students with special needs can participate in various class activities:

- Class activity with no adaptations needed. A student with a physical disability
 may need no adaptations to be able to participate in a specific class activity.
- Class activity with adaptations involving all students. A game of soccer may
 be played on a smaller field so that a student with mobility difficulties can play
 with the rest of the class.
- Class activity with adaptations for an individual student. A student with a
 disability may be able to participate in a class activity in which adaptations
 have been made to equipment, rules, and/or skill complexity.
- Parallel activity within a regular class activity. A student with special needs
 can participate with the class, but will engage in a similar activity at his or her
 own skill level.

Specific Adaptations for Students with Special Needs⁴

Note that a student with special needs may not always require the same adaptations. The type of adaptations needed will vary from lesson to lesson and unit to unit, depending on the activity and on the student's abilities and past experience.

Time

- Allow for frequent breaks.
- Permit students to hold onto an object, such as a ball, for longer periods of time.

Inclusion Tips

- Peer Assistance Using a buddy system can help build self-confidence for all students, regardless of their ability levels.
- Activity Area Modify the size of the activity area and the proximity to others to allow every student to participate.
- Equipment Use equipment that is appropriate in size and weight to ensure that all students are able to participate.

When planning and purchasing equipment, take into account the needs of all students.

Inclusion is meaningful participation in learning new skills where every participant belongs, is accepted, supports and is supported by peers. Inclusion means being a member of the group, not an occasional visitor.

Inclusion leads to feelings of success for everyone.

– Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (www.ala.ca)

^{4.} Ideas outlined in this section are adapted from Moving to Inclusion: Active Living through Physical Education, published by the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (www.ala.ca), and from workshop presentations by the Active Living Resource Centre for Ontarians with a Disability (www.ala.on.ca).

- Allow students extra hits and/or bounces (e.g., in volleyball).
- Decrease the length of the game.
- Allow a student to start ahead of the other group members.

Equipment

- Use larger, lighter, softer balls to slow the speed of an activity and to allow students more time to react (e.g., use balloons or beach balls instead of soccer balls).
- Use smaller, lighter, softer balls to allow students to catch and hold them better.
- Use shorter, lighter striking implements (e.g., foam bats) to give students greater control.
- Use markers or pylons that are flat to the ground to allow students to manoeuvre wheelchairs or walkers more easily.
- Use throwing equipment that is easy to hold (e.g., beanbags, foam balls, rings).
- Conduct activities on hard, flat, smooth surfaces, such as floors or blacktop, to allow unimpeded movement of wheelchairs, crutches, or walkers.
- Use visual cues to aid a student with a hearing impairment. Flags may be used with a whistle to indicate that an activity is to start or stop, that the participant's name or number is being called, or that the music has stopped.
- Extend a student's reach in tag-type activities (e.g., with a piece of foam).
- Have teammates wear pinnies for easy identification.
- If a student has a mobility impairment, place everyone on scooter boards or, if available, wheelchairs.

Area

- Decrease the size of the playing area.
- Have a greater number of players on a team so that less movement is required for each student.
- Use barriers around a group to decrease the distance the ball may travel.
- In throwing or catching activities, position the student in front of a wall, if he or she frequently misses the ball.

Number of Students

- For games involving running, have a buddy run part of the way and have the student run the rest of the way.
- For tag games, have the student and the buddy run separately. Both must be tagged before they are out.

Programming

- Set up daily physical activities using stations, to make a variety of activities available.
- Offer a variety of activities for all skill levels.
- Pair or group students according to their abilities.
- Allow numerous attempts and opportunities for practice when students are performing skills.
- Focus on activities that do not require a great deal of specialized skill.

- Introduce preparatory games to develop skills and increase the student's opportunity for success.
- Allow the student to kick or throw a ball instead of hitting it.
- In games that involve passing a ball or other object, ensure that each student has a chance to complete a number of passes.
- For rhythmic activities, use sticks, balls, tambourines, ribbons, or scarves to help students express rhythmic movement.
- For a student with a visual impairment:
 - use bright or strongly contrasting colours to mark boundaries;
 - use equipment with strongly contrasting colours;
 - have teammates use sounds for identification (e.g., clapping, calling, wearing a wrist bell);
 - for running activities, have a guide runner assist the student, with each holding one end of a short rope as they run.

Instructions

If a student has difficulty understanding what to do in an activity, try one or more of the following:

- Ensure that you have the student's undivided attention before instructions begin (e.g., establish eye contact).
- Ask the student to repeat the instruction back to ensure that he or she understands the rules and procedures.
- Send a description of the activity home with the student so that he or she may practise in private before having to participate in front of peers.
- Ensure that opportunities for review and repetition are provided.
- Demonstrate the skill.
- Keep instructions specific, precise, and brief.
- Use verbal prompts.
- Use cooperative games and games that require little organization to teach skills.
- Break an activity into a series of tasks to make the activity more manageable.

CHECKLIST OF CONSIDERATIONS WHEN PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

	Review the student's IEP to become familiar with the following:
	$\hfill\square$ up-to-date information about the student's areas of strength and need
	$\hfill\square$ information from various assessments, including skill assessments
	☐ information about medical precautions and any activities that should be avoided
	☐ the student's learning expectations for health and physical education, including any modified expectations
	\square any accommodations required by the student
	\square any equipment or equipment adaptations required by the student
	☐ any other important considerations
	Work closely with the physical education teacher and resource staff to share information and coordinate instructional strategies.
_	Help the students in your class become more aware of the requirements of a classmate with a special need.
	Establish class routines involving the student.
_	Develop appropriate assessment tools and be familiar with evaluation and reporting formats that may apply.
	Assess the student's performance continuously and provide input about further modifications to learning expectations that may be appropriate.
	Be flexible and alter your strategies and approaches as necessary.
	After each unit, reflect on the student's participation, giving special attention to appropriateness of the activities, facilities, and equipment used. Consider whether the student is participating at an appropriate level.

SCHEDULING AND TIMETABLING

Planning and Organizing Daily Physical Activity Time

There are many different frameworks for planning and organizing daily physical activity time within a class and school. When planning daily physical activity time, it is important to remember that daily physical activity must be provided during instructional time.

On days when the gymnasium, multipurpose room, and outdoor spaces are not available, a minimum of 20 minutes of physical activity time can be scheduled in an alternative location, such as a classroom. Each session must include moderate to vigorous physical activity that raises the heart rate and maintains this increase for a sustained period of time.

In all daily physical activity sessions, there must be a warm-up and a cool-down. It is important to warm up to increase the blood flow to the major muscle groups and to prevent major muscle injuries. After moderate to vigorous activities, the cool-down activities serve to bring the heart rate down to a resting rate. The activities themselves focus on developing overall fitness of the heart and lungs and, in some cases, on developing muscular strength and endurance.

Allocating time for daily physical activity takes creative planning and coordination at the classroom, school, and board levels. It will often be possible to integrate the 20 minutes of sustained physical activity into physical education classes. On days when this is possible, additional physical activity is not required. On days when it is not possible, or when there are no physical education classes, the 20 minutes of physical activity needs to be incorporated into the instructional day. This can be done by taking an equal amount of time from each of the periods during the day – if there are seven scheduled periods in a day, decrease each period by 3 minutes to allow for the necessary 20 minutes in total. Or schools may schedule daily physical activity at different times each day – during period 1 on Monday, period 2 on Tuesday, period 3 on Wednesday, and so on. In this case, daily physical activity time will affect any given period only once in each cycle.

The following are some examples of ways of implementing daily physical activity time. In addition, three sample timetables are provided in Appendix B.

Daily Physical Activity During Physical Education Classes

Daily physical activity is considered to be only one component of a quality health and physical education program, and must not replace physical education classes. Teachers are encouraged to incorporate daily physical activity into a physical education class only when there is sufficient time for students to sustain moderate or vigorous activity for a minimum of 20 minutes.

The length of physical education classes will vary depending on the grade level of the students, the availability of facilities, and the activity. The skill application/physical activity component of a physical education lesson provides the opportunity for a minimum of 20 minutes of sustained physical activity. It is important that physical education classes contain a warm-up, skill development, skill application, and cool-down component to ensure that students have the opportunity to learn, practise, and demonstrate the necessary skills and strategies associated with the health and physical education curriculum.

SAMPLE LESSON PLAN – Physical Education Class Incorporating DPA

Warm-up: 3–5 minutes	
Skill development: 10–20 minutes	An opportunity for 20 minutes
Skill application/ physical activity: 15–30 minutes	An opportunity for 20 minutes of sustained physical activity may be available during the skill application/physical
Cool-down: 3–5 minutes	activity component.

Daily Physical Activity Outside Physical Education Classes

There are many opportunities for the classroom teacher to incorporate daily physical activity in an existing schedule. A teacher can use a variety of strategies, such as the following:

- Incorporate physical activity to help reinforce literacy and numeracy skills. This strategy provides students with active, hands-on opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of the concepts and strategies taught in the literacy and numeracy programs.
- Incorporate material from other subject areas into daily physical activity. This strategy provides students with opportunities to learn through physical activity some of the concepts taught in other areas of the curriculum.
- Integrate curriculum expectations from the health and physical education curriculum with those from one or more other subject areas. This strategy provides students with an opportunity to participate in physical activities within an integrated unit or lesson and to have achievement of expectations from both subject areas assessed.
- Dedicate time for daily physical activity as a separate activity. This strategy may
 provide the classroom teacher with greater flexibility to provide the required daily
 physical activity.

SAMPLE LESSON PLAN – DPA Outside a Physical Education Class

20-minute Session

Warm-up: 2-3 minutes

Moderate to vigorous activity: 15–16 minutes

Cool-down: 2–3 minutes

School-Wide Daily Physical Activity

Daily physical activity can be incorporated into the schedule of the whole school in a variety of ways, such as the following:

- It can take place in all classrooms after morning or afternoon announcements.
- It can take place with the entire school together, outdoors or in the gymnasium, as appropriate, at regularly scheduled times.
- It can be set up in a rotating schedule so that the same subject is not always affected.
- It can be made a part of special events taking place during the school day (e.g., seasonal celebrations, school spirit days, community events).

USE OF FACILITIES

Daily physical activity can occur in a variety of locations. The following pages include suggested ways of making the best use of facilities, as well as the kinds of locations to consider and benefits, class management tips, and strategies for dealing with challenges associated with each type of location.

General Tips on Making the Best Use of Physical Activity Facilities

- Maximize the number of scheduled physical education classes that are long enough to include 20 minutes of daily physical activity.
- Schedule daily physical activity time in alternative facilities that are appropriate for physical activity (e.g., outdoor facilities, multipurpose rooms, community facilities).
- Plan and organize your classroom in a way that is appropriate and safe for physical activity.
- Identify alternative facilities to use if the regular or preferred physical activity facility is unavailable, and determine availability in advance.
- Look at scheduling from a whole-school perspective. Communicate in advance
 the times when a class will be using a facility so that other classroom teachers can
 coordinate their schedules. Be sure to communicate any changes as well, so that
 others can take advantage of newly available facilities.
- Partner with another class or group of classes to share physical activity facilities appropriate for a larger number of students, rather than trying to find individual facilities for each class.

Classrooms

Benefits

- It is not necessary to move the class to another location for physical activities.
- Physical activity can take place any time, without the need to book a facility.
- Use of the classroom allows for spontaneous physical activity time.
- There is no conflict with other classes that may wish to use a facility.

Class Management Tips

- Establish clear expectations for participating in physical activity in the classroom before the activity begins.
- Establish a process to ensure that the classroom is safe for physical activity (e.g., check that floors are clean before the class starts; have students check that there are no small objects on the floor before starting the activity).
- Develop start and stop signals, and familiarize all students with them.
- Provide students with instructions while they are still at their desks and before you hand out equipment.

Challenges	Possible Solutions
Too much furniture (desks, chairs) Classroom too small	Have students participate in activities on the spot.
Too many students	 Design a seating plan that allows desks to be easily pushed to the sides of the room or grouped to create an open space.
	 Allocate specific areas in which students can be active.
Floor surface a problem (e.g., slippery, tiled)	Use small, non-slip carpets or other non-slip surfaces for activities.
	Ensure that floors are swept on a regular basis and are kept clean.
Possibility of damage to lights, windows, computers	 Use appropriate equipment (e.g., indoor flying discs, foam balls, paper).
	 Have students participate only in activities that are appropriate for the classroom.
No appropriate equipment in the room	Plan activities that require no or minimal equipment.
	 Use other appropriate equipment that may be available for use in the class- room (e.g., rotating cart, bin, equipment shared by a group of classrooms).
	Make a list of equipment that can be stored nearby so that classes can access it quickly.
Too noisy	Play music to help students focus on the activity.
	 If other classes may be affected by the noise that may result from daily physical activity, inform teachers of those classes when your daily physical activity is scheduled.
Poor air circulation	Plan activities to take place before lunch or at the end of the day so that the classroom can be aired before being used again.
	• Keep fans on and windows open if the school is not air-conditioned.

Multipurpose Areas

Multipurpose areas include activity rooms, hallways, empty classrooms, open spaces, the library, forums, and auditoriums.

Benefits

- These areas provide alternative facilities for physical activity when the gymnasium is in use or when weather conditions are not conducive to outdoor activities.
- The use of these areas promotes the idea that physical activity can take place anywhere and at any time.
- Not all schools have gymnasiums, and in these cases multipurpose facilities are vital to the implementation of physical education and physical activity.

Class Management Tips

- Inform students that they need to be careful to avoid disrupting other classes, by using appropriate voice and noise levels when participating.
- Instruct students about acceptable behaviour in the activity area.
- Establish a signal to get students' attention, and communicate this to students before going to the activity area.

Challenges	Possible Solutions
Small area and/or low ceiling	Plan activities that are appropriate for limited spaces.
	Use activities that require minimal or no equipment.
Materials stored in the room	 Have the materials in the room moved outside or placed to the side (or, if appropriate, the middle) during daily physical activity time.
	 Use barriers or markers to establish boundaries away from walls and obstacles.
Traffic in area (e.g., in a hallway)	 Develop a procedure to notify other classes when hallways and general-use areas will be used for physical activity.
	 Post signs at the edges of the area asking others to use an alternative route if possible.

Gymnasium

Benefits

- The gymnasium is a large, open space, an ideal setting for physical activity in the school.
- It is easy to determine when the gymnasium is scheduled for use by physical education classes.
- Students are already familiar with the routines established in the gymnasium for physical activity.
- Equipment is readily available.
- The gymnasium is often available when other classes choose to use the outdoors for physical education classes.

Class Management Tips

- Establish simple daily routines for entering and exiting the gymnasium, starting and stopping activities, and handing out equipment that are consistent and school-wide.
- Establish groups in advance for quick organization.
- Have an emergency plan in place for accidents and ensure that a first-aid kit is accessible.
- Have expectations of student behaviour and consequences of specified behaviours clearly posted.
- Establish routines that ensure that students arrive in the gymnasium prepared to participate (e.g., wearing suitable clothing and shoes).

Challenges	Possible Solutions
Gymnasium often in use by other classes	 Divide gymnasium into smaller sections (where possible) so that more classes can schedule time.
	 Combine classes to participate in activities that are safe for a larger number of students (e.g., fitness routine).
Gymnasium booked for assemblies or concerts	 Establish an efficient routine for setting up and taking down equipment so that the gymnasium is not out of use for extended periods of time.
	 Make alternative arrangements in advance on days when the gymnasium is not available.
	 Free up the gymnasium by using other rooms for smaller presentations.
	• Vary the period and day when assemblies are booked.
Equipment not available when needed	 Provide time to ensure that equipment is organized and managed effectively.
Quantities of equipment not adequate	 Draw up a list of the class equipment needs for daily physical activity.
Teachers teach physical education classes outdoors or in alternative facilities and others are not aware the gymnasium is free.	 Establish a communication system to inform other teachers when the gymnasium is not going to be used so that other classes can use it.

Outdoor Areas

Use any space available on school property, including fields, blacktop, and any other safe spaces.

Benefits

- Outdoor space allows for a greater variety of physical activity opportunities.
- Daily physical activity outdoors gives students an opportunity to be active outside.
 The activities in which students participate during daily physical activity time can motivate them to be more active during recess and lunch and after school.

Class Management Tips

- Ensure that students are taught the rules and procedures associated with being physically active outdoors before leaving the building. Provide as much instruction and direction as possible while indoors, as voices do not carry as well outdoors.
- When it is necessary to give instructions outdoors, have students stand as close to you as possible, and direct your voice towards the students at the back of the group.
- Ensure that students stand with their backs to the sun, and have them face away
 from any other distractions that may prevent them from being able to concentrate
 on the instructions.
- Be aware that it may not be appropriate for students to be seated for instructions (e.g., the grass may be wet). Students can stand or rest on one knee.
- Devise safe ways to transport equipment (e.g., assign student helpers, use bins).

Challenges	Possible Solutions
Variable weather conditions	Be prepared to adapt the lesson to weather conditions (e.g., windy, hot, cold, wet).
	 Be aware of appropriate weather conditions for physical activity – it may be too hot or too cold for outdoor activities.
	 Teach students to dress for the weather. Collect a supply of additional clothing to use if necessary.
Difficulty of getting student attention in a large, outdoor space	Teach signals before going outdoors (e.g., stop/start signals, emergency).
Difficulty of accounting for	Define and mark boundaries.
all students in a large, open outdoor space	Assign buddies before going outdoors.
outubor space	 Establish clear expectations and signals for gathering students together.
Student injury	Establish a procedure for identifying and communicating an injury to the office while outdoors.
	Ensure that a first aid kit is readily accessible.

"Teachers must also ensure that the concepts and skills taught are appropriate to students' ages and stages of development, and to their perceptions, prior knowledge, attitudes, learning styles, and exceptionalities. They must use a variety of instructional approaches to ensure that all students are given every opportunity to learn and perform to their full potential."

> The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1–8: Health and Physical Education, p. 4.

Assessment Tips

- Outline to students what is expected, and discuss what needs to be demonstrated in order to achieve success
- Provide adequate time for students to practise.
- Collect information on student achievement that is based on the curriculum expectations.
- Simplify the gathering and recording of information.
- Connect the information gathered to information from assessments of achievement demonstrated during health and physical education classes, for purposes of evaluation and reporting.

ASSESSMENT

Daily physical activity is described in the Active Participation strand of the health and physical education curriculum. In order to assess and evaluate the student achievement that takes place as a result of daily physical activity, it is essential to clearly identify which health and physical education expectations are being considered,⁵ and, therefore, which categories in the achievement chart it is appropriate to use along with the relevant assessment and evaluation techniques and tools for the task. For example, teachers may assess achievement of expectations that relate to active participation when students are participating in a game or sport. Also, teachers may assess development of fundamental movement skills when students are performing jumping jacks as part of a 20-minute exercise routine or when students are performing a dance routine. More formal evaluations of these skills might take place during a longer health and physical education period. Teachers may also assess safety practices or living skills as part of daily physical activity.

Assessments of maintained or improved physical fitness should be considered in relation to a student's initial level of fitness, since each student starts at a different level of fitness. Students should be encouraged, at various times throughout the year, to reflect on their own sense of physical fitness or on their progress towards the fitness goals they have set for themselves (e.g., "After two months of daily physical activity, I am able to complete routines without feeling short of breath. After four months of daily physical activity, I am able to run faster in the playground for a longer period of time").

Expectations should be communicated to students in a way that allows them to understand clearly what is required during daily physical activity time. Teachers should also provide feedback on an ongoing basis. It is very important, when assessing the achievement of a student with special needs, to refer to the information provided in the student's IEP.

^{5.} There is only one expectation, in the Active Participation strand, that refers specifically to daily physical activity. However, students' achievement during daily physical activity time will relate to other expectations as well, as described above.

SAMPLE PLANNING CHECKLIST

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General
☐ Know the requirements of the daily physical activity initiative.
☐ Be familiar with the board's and school's implementation plans and appropriate boar policies in the areas of physical activity, safety, and special education.
☐ Identify appropriate resources, professional development opportunities, and sources of support available to help implement daily physical activity.
☐ Identify community partnership opportunities that can support the daily physical activity initiative (e.g., boards of health, parks and recreation departments, community organizations).
☐ Communicate to parents or guardians about the daily physical activity initiative and upcoming events related to the initiative.
Safety
☐ Be familiar with board policies on safety practices regarding equipment, clothing facilities, special rules, and supervision for all activities.
☐ Consult the principal in cases where students are unable to participate in daily physical activity or are able to participate only to a limited extent (e.g., owing to illness or injury).
\square Be aware of the process for students to resume physical activity.
Inclusion of All Students
☐ Be aware of pertinent information about any physical limitations a student may have and adopt appropriate strategies to ensure that all students can participate in daily physical activity. Refer to information in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) for students with special needs.
☐ Plan activities on the basis of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles in order to ensure that the activity and facility are appropriate for every student.
Scheduling and Timetabling
☐ Include daily physical activity in your long-range plans and integrate it into unit plans and lesson plans in various subject areas, as appropriate.
☐ Include daily physical activity time on class schedules.
☐ Incorporate daily physical activity into literacy and numeracy instruction, integrated learning opportunities in all subject areas, and scheduled physical education time.
Use of Facilities
☐ Be aware of all of the school and community facilities that are available for daily physical activity.
☐ Be aware of safe practices for all facilities used for daily physical activity, and identify any safety concerns.
Assessment
☐ Identify the health and physical education curriculum expectations that relate to student performance in daily physical activity.

 $\hfill\square$ Gather information and assess student progress in relation to the student's initial

 $\hfill\square$ Encourage students to assess their own progress.

fitness level.

Chapter 3

ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS



Implementing daily physical activity in schools involves more than having students engage in physical activity. It is important to establish the routines that support a safe and motivating environment for physical activity, as well as to allow students to participate in a wide range of physical activities that include warm-up procedures, moderate to vigorous physical activity, and cool-down procedures.

Teachers should ensure that students have all the information they need to participate in the activities, and that the appropriate procedures are followed while students are engaged in daily physical activities.

General Teaching Strategies⁶

In all physical activity, it is essential that safety be a prime consideration. The following are some general guidelines to assist teachers as they implement daily physical activity.

- Introduce general rules and procedures at the beginning of the year (e.g., rules about fair play, respect for others, safety).
- Ensure that students understand clearly the rules and procedures that apply in different physical activity areas, including the classroom.
- Ensure that students are dressed appropriately for daily physical activities.
- Outline the curriculum expectations that relate to daily physical activity to help students take responsibility for achieving those expectations.
- Ensure that all instructions are clear and that students pay close attention to instructions. When instructions are being provided, ensure that all students are able to see the leader and that the leader can see all the students. If the class is held outside, ensure that students' view is not obstructed by the sun.
- Establish clear start and stop signals. Whistles can be effective if not overused. Start signals are just as important as stop signals (e.g., "When I say 'go', you can begin the activity. Go!"). Use audio and/or visual signals (e.g., stopping the music, putting a hand up), where appropriate. When students can respond to brief signals, not only is their attention engaged, but their activity time also increases.
- Use clear visual cues, such as lines on the floor and pylons, to help identify boundaries during activities.
- Ensure that spacing between groups is adequate so that one group's activity does not interfere with another group's activity.

Many of the strategies and suggestions in this chapter are adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Documents, Grades 1 to 8, 2000.

Use of music

Music can be an excellent motivator for students when they participate in physical activities. Play upbeat music with a fast tempo during the warm-up to motivate students to move quickly and energetically. During the cool-down, play slower and quieter music to help create a calm and relaxed mood. Allowing students to select music (within certain guidelines) can have a significant positive impact on the atmosphere in the class.

Strategies to Motivate Students

There are many ways to motivate students to be more physically active. Here are some suggestions.

- Make physical activity fun.
- Be enthusiastic and provide encouragement.
- Ensure that students feel comfortable asking questions and discussing concerns.
- Keep instructions short and simple to maximize activity time and keep students engaged.
- Encourage students to talk to peers while being physically active.
- Set realistic expectations for each student, and modify skills and activities where necessary.
- Praise students when they are doing things correctly, and provide ongoing constructive feedback.
- Involve students in planning physical activities, and allow for some choice.
- Identify and take advantage of suitable moments to teach physical activity, and help students to understand ways of incorporating physical activity into their daily lives on a lifelong basis.
- Provide students with opportunities to make activities personally challenging.
- Ensure that activities and facilities used enable all students to participate.
- Provide opportunities for students to learn concepts from various subjects in a kinesthetic way.

Grouping of Students for Activities

Use different ways to divide classes into groups or teams to provide variety and to give students opportunities to work with different people. Do not choose captains or have selected students choose their team members. Simple games can be used to divide classes into groups. Here are some examples.

Whistle Mixer

Have students jog on the spot. When the whistle is blown a certain number of times, students form groups. The number of students in the groups corresponds to the number of whistles. (The number of students in a group can also be changed by simply calling out numbers.)

Partners Into Teams

Any method of grouping students as partners will also serve as a method of dividing a class into two teams. The following are some possibilities:

"Select a partner": If students choose their own partners, two teams can be created either by choosing several pairs to form one team and other pairs to form the other team, or by splitting partners so that one partner goes to one team and one partner goes to the other. If students choose their own partners, designate an area to be the "lost and found", where anyone without a partner can go to find one. Encourage the class to make sure that the same students do not go to the "lost and found" on a regular basis. If this happens, the teacher should use other methods for dividing the students into groups.

- "Line A, line B": Have students form two lines; line A becomes one team, line B the other team. For the next time a team is needed, students in the first half of each line form one team, and students in the second half of each line form the other team.
- "Back to back": Have students stand back to back (or shoulder to shoulder, or elbow to elbow) with another student as quickly as possible. The emphasis is on frequent and rapid selection. For example, to make two teams at any point, have one partner sit and the other stand; those students who are sitting move to one area, those who are standing move to another.
- "Similarities": Ask students to find a partner with the same shoes, the same colour shirt, the same birthday month, and so on.

Outline of the Activities

The activities provided include a warm-up, moderate to vigorous physical activity, and a cool-down. These activities can be used throughout the year. Repetition of a daily physical activity – five or six times during the course of a month, for example – allows students to become familiar with the activity, and reduces the time required for instruction in the activity. As a result, students have more time to be physically active. Teachers can create variations on the activities, and can also encourage students to create their own variations.

Warm-up

It is important that students do a warm-up before starting daily physical activities. A proper warm-up sets the tone for the class and reduces the risk of injury during an activity. To warm up, students should participate in some low-intensity aerobic activity, such as brisk walking. Using the large muscles and gradually increasing speed and intensity in this type of activity gradually increases the heart rate and blood flow to the muscles. During the warm-up, it is important to follow up with stretches that move the joints through their full range of motion. Stretches such as arm circles and flexing and extending of the arms and legs are helpful.

Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity

The physical activities in this resource guide are examples of moderate to vigorous physical activities. It is important to ensure that students participate in the activities in an appropriate manner, working towards increasing their ability to participate in them for a sustained period of time.

Moderate	Vigorous
Moderate physical activity causes some increase in breathing and/or heart rate, but not enough to prevent an individual from carrying on a conversation comfortably during the activity. Examples of moderate physical activity are brisk walking and recreational dancing.	Vigorous physical activity is aerobic activity, which increases the breathing and heart rates enough for cardiorespiratory conditioning. This type of activity may, depending on fitness level, cause puffing, so that talking is possible but the ability to carry on a conversation is limited. The amount of time required for a vigorous activity is dependent on age and stage of development. Examples of vigorous physical activity are jogging and aerobic dancing.

Cool-down

After physical activity, a cool-down period involving a more gentle activity helps the heart and body to return to their normal state. Slow-moving activities and stretches also help normalize the blood flow to the muscles and improve flexibility. The cool-down activities concentrate on unhurried, slow stretching. Because the muscles are warm during stretches, the risk of injury is reduced. Stretches should include all the major muscle groups, starting with the largest muscles. Each stretch should be held without bouncing for 15–30 seconds. Stretching should be imaginative and creative. Students can "reach for the sky", or pretend to be a tree that is growing, or stretch their arms out as "wide as a wall". The cool-down can also prepare students for the transition back to less-active activities.

Monitoring of Physical Activity Levels

There are many ways students can monitor their personal physical activity levels. It is important to use a method that is appropriate for the age of the students in your classroom. Here are some examples:

- Self-assessment. Have students assess their activity level using informal indicators:

 (1) I did not stop during the activity;
 (2) My heart was beating faster and I could hear my breathing;
 (3) I tried my very best.
- Pulse check. Ask students to count the number of times their hearts beat in a given number of seconds (e.g., 30 seconds) before, during, and after activity. Explain that the heart rate goes up during activity and returns close to the normal rate after a short rest.
- Talk test. Ensure that students are able to talk while participating in an activity. If they can talk, their bodies are taking in sufficient oxygen.
- Breathing check. Ensure that students are able to hear their own breathing.
 Breathing should be just audible. Studies show that fitness benefits can be gained by working at or above this level. While breathing intensity will differ from one student to another, this simple instruction is effective for all students.

Tag Games

Some of the activities provided are variations on tag games. Since these games encourage aerobic activity and can be quite vigorous as well as enjoyable, they are ideal for daily physical activity. With regard to tag games, teachers should do the following:

- Clearly define areas of the body that can be tagged (e.g., arms, legs, back).
- Ensure that students who are "it" can be readily identified by other students (e.g., have them wear a pinnie or wrist band, or have them move around with their hands up in the air).
- Inform students that a tag is a touch, not a push or grab.
- Emphasize the importance of respecting the rules of the game and being honest about having been tagged.
- Ensure that games are restarted frequently, and redirect students' attention to the activity when necessary.
- Change the complexity of the game periodically by adding new challenges and situations.

IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

Before the activity

daily lives on a lifelong basis.

☐ Discuss the purpose and benefits of daily physical activity with students. Students should understand that regular physical activity, in addition to being beneficial, can also be enjoyable.
☐ Ensure that students become familiar with safety rules and procedures.
☐ Involve students in the planning and implementation of the daily physical activity program.
☐ Plan opportunities to integrate physical activity into other subject areas.
☐ Help students develop the skills necessary to participate fully in daily physical activity and potentially to lead activities in the class.
☐ Establish a safe and motivating environment for physical activity.
☐ Explain to students how to monitor their personal physical activity levels (e.g., describe the talk test).
☐ Ensure that the equipment to be used is easily accessible and appropriate for the facility (e.g., classroom, school gymnasium) and for the age and ability of the students.
☐ Ensure that all activities and facilities enable every student to participate.
☐ Ensure that all activities and activity areas are safe for students.
Ouring the activity ☐ Ensure that students have a proper warm-up.
☐ Ensure that students are engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity throughout the activity time.
☐ Ensure that students have a proper cool-down.
After the activity
☐ Reflect on the physical activity, and make notes on ways of modifying the activity for later use.
☐ Talk about ways in which students can incorporate physical activity into their

ACTIVITIES – SUMMARY CHART

Activity	Activity Level		Facility				
Name		Equipment	CLASSROOM	MULTI- PURPOSE	GYMNASIUM	OUTDOORS	
Aerobic Pump-up	vigorous	audio equipment (optional), 5–8 aerobic cards (large cards with different aerobic activities printed on them), rubber chickens	1	✓	1	1	
Aerobic Square	moderate vigorous	audio equipment (optional)			✓	✓	
Ball Shuttle	vigorous	30–50 small balls/beanbags (1–2 per student), five hoops			1	1	
Chuck the Chicken	moderate	5–6 rubber chickens			1	1	
Classroom Aerobics	moderate vigorous	audio equipment (optional), chairs/desks, fitness bands (optional)	✓	✓			
Conflict and Change Circuit	moderate	audio equipment (optional)	1	✓			
Cross Country Canada	moderate	audio equipment (optional), paper	/ /		1	1	
Disc Golf Race	moderate	15 discs, 9–18 outdoor targets, pinnies/markers				1	
Fitness Components Circuit	moderate	audio equipment (optional), 30–50 beanbags, mats, skipping ropes, box or bench		✓	1	1	
Fitness Roll	moderate vigorous	15 sets of dice, scrap paper, audio equipment (optional)		✓	1	1	
Four Corner Soccer	moderate	four soccer balls, four pylons, pinnies/markers			1	1	
Moving With Cards	vigorous	audio equipment (optional), and two or more decks of playing cards	✓	✓	1		
One After	moderate vigorous	audio equipment (optional)	✓	✓	1	1	
Scatter Dance	moderate	audio equipment		✓	1		
Skipping Circuit	moderate vigorous	one skipping rope per student			1	1	
Stones	moderate vigorous	20–30 beanbags, four pylons, four hoops			1	1	
Tag Games	moderate vigorous	none			1	1	
Training Together	vigorous	none			1	1	
Ultimate Disc	vigorous	one disc for every 4–6 students, pylons or line markers				1	
Winter Circuit	moderate vigorous	audio equipment (optional)	✓	✓			

Aerobic Pump-up	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment Audio equipment (optional), 5—8 aerobic cards (large cards with different aerobic activities printed on them), rubber chickens		Physical Activity Lev Moderate	el Z Vigorous

Safety

- Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.
- If the activity takes place in the classroom, ensure that there is adequate room to stretch and move safely.

Warm-up

- Have students walk around the activity area, slowly increasing their speed.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity: Aerobic Pump-up (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grades 7 and 8, 2000.)

- Select 5–8 students to be leaders.
- Give each of these students an aerobic activity card, and have the students go up to an area where they can easily be seen by the other students.
- Start the music. Every 30 seconds, have a different leader demonstrate the activity on his or her card.
- Have the students work backwards after every new activity, repeating each previous activity, until they reach the first one again. For example, in a sequence of five, they would do activity 1, activity 2 then 1, activity 3, 2, then 1, and so on. Continue until all the leaders have demonstrated the activity on their cards.
- Prompt each new activity and make sure that all students are engaged and are performing the correct activity in the sequence.
- Ensure that students with the cards know they have a responsibility to demonstrate the activity on their card.
- Activities may include: marching on the spot, jogging on the spot, jumping jacks, lunges, side-to-side jumps, the twist, squats, toe touches, sit-ups, hopping on one foot, hopping on the other foot, can-can kicks, push-ups, and jumping lunges.

Cool-down

- Place students in groups of 4—6. Have them walk around the activity area, slowly decreasing their speed and throwing a rubber chicken from student to student.
- Give a signal to stop. The last student in each group to touch the rubber chicken leads a stretch of the large muscle groups.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

Have leaders choose their favourite physical activity and demonstrate a movement that they would do when participating in that activity.

Planning Notes and Reflection

Aerobic Square	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium Gutdoors
Equipment Audio equipment (optional)		Physical Activity Level Moderate Vigorous
Safetv		

Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.

Warm-up

- Have students work in groups of 3–5 and line up one behind the other.
- Have the first student lead the group around the activity area using a variety of movements.
- Every 30 seconds, have a new student lead the group, progressively increasing the speed (e.g., slow walk, walk, speed walk, jog).
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity: Aerobic Square (Adapted from: Active Healthy Kids Canada, activ8, Grades 7–8, 2002)

- Have students spread out over the entire activity area, either as a whole class or in smaller groups. Have students stand in 4–6 straight lines facing the front.
- Have one student stand at the front and lead the class or group in a series of aerobic activities while music is playing.
- Have one student start beside the leader, jog around the outside of the class or group, then take the place of the leader. The new leader immediately begins to lead the class or group in a new aerobic activity.
- Have the former leader move to the first position in the first line.
- Have all students in that line move back one position. The person at the back of that line runs to the front of the next line. Students all move one position back in their lines. They continue following the new leader and doing an aerobic activity while they are moving back.
- The last student at the end of the last line leaves the line and begins to jog one lap around the outside of the class or group. When the jogging student completes a lap, he or she takes the place of the student leading the class or group, and the cycle continues.

Cool-down: Stretch Wave (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Binder, Grade 8, 2000.)

- Have students walk around the activity area, slowly decreasing their speed.
- Have students form a circle. Appoint a leader, who will choose stretches. Have students "pass" each stretch around the circle and hold it as others join in, creating a wave effect (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

• Modify the shape of the Aerobic Square if using a limited space.

Planning Notes and Reflection **Notes for Teachers** Discuss with students how they would rate their level of participation and how they could maintain or improve on this the next time. You could make connections to the Drama and Dance strand of the arts curriculum.

Ball Shuttle	Time 20 minutes	Facility Class Gymi		<u>_</u>	Multipurpose Outdoors	
Equipment 30–50 small balls/beanbags (1–2 per student), five hoops		Physical Activity Level Moderate Vigorous				
 Safety Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others. Scatter balls across the middle of the activity area so that students can run safely into the middle to pick up balls. 						
 Warm-up Have students walk around the activity area, slowly increasing their speed. Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches). Activity 1: Ball Shuttle (Adapted from: Active Healthy Kids Canada, activ8, Grades 7–8, 2002) Mark off two lines 10–15 metres apart. Place several balls in a line in the middle. Divide students into two groups, placed at opposite ends of the activity area. 						
 Have students run or walk quickly from their starting line to the middle, at the same time. Have students pick up one ball, return it to their starting line, and place it down (students cannot throw or pass the balls). Have students continue until all balls are gone from the middle. Once all the balls are gone from the middle, have students run to the opposite end one at a time, retrieve one ball from the other group, and bring it back to their side. Have students continue for 3–5 minutes. Challenge students to move constantly for the entire time. 						
 Activity 2: Four Corner Shuttle Place five hoops around the activity area, one in each corner and one in the middle. Place 30–50 balls/beanbags in the middle hoop to start. Divide students into four equal teams. The aim of the game is to get as many objects as they can into their hoop by the end of the time limit. Have students first go to the middle hoop to get the objects. Once all the objects are gone, students can go to any other hoop to get objects. Students may only carry one object at a time and may not throw or pass an object. Stop the game after a few minutes to allow 30–45 seconds for groups to meet and discuss strategy and changes to the game. Then have students resume the game. 						
Cool-down						
 Place students in groups of 4–6. Have them walk around the activity area, slowly decreasing their speed and throwing an object from student to student. Give a signal to stop. The last student in each group to touch the object leads students in a stretch of the large muscle groups. Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches). 						
 Variations Pair teams so that two teams are working together. Rearrange the groups so that the teams are not all the same size. 						
Notes for Teachers Discuss with students the challer ways in which these were affected	nges and strategies in		Planning No	tes	and Reflection	

Chuck the Chicken	Time 20 minutes	Facility ☐ Classroom ☐ Multipurpose ☐ Gymnasium ☐ Outdoors						
Equipment 5-6 rubber o	hickens	Physical Activity Level Moderate Uigorous						
Safety Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.								
Warm-up: Catch-up Run								
 Have the last student in the line the pinnie or marker back until the group have taken a turn, the spec 	 Have groups of 4–6 students move around the activity area in single file, slowly increasing their speed (e.g., walk, speed walk, slow jog, run). Have the last student in the line hold a pinnie or marker and move to the front of the line. Once the student gets to the front, he or she passes the pinnie or marker back until the new last student in line gets it, and then this student moves to the front. Each time all the members of the group have taken a turn, the speed slightly increases. Have students continue for 2–3 minutes. Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches). 							
Activity: Chuck the Chicker	n (Adapted from: Op	phea, <i>PlaySport,</i> 2004)						
 Have one group of a pair start wi group throws it. Have the second group run to the alternating between the movem Meanwhile, have the students in threw the chicken run around his his or her group. Have the group doing the "over-u "over-under" sequence. 	 Have the second group run to the chicken, line up one behind the other, and pass the chicken over their heads and between their legs, alternating between the movements ("over-under"). When the last student in line gets the chicken, he or she yells "Stop!" Meanwhile, have the students in the group that threw the chicken form a circle where they are and jog on the spot. Have the student who threw the chicken run around his or her group until he or she hears "Stop!" A group scores a run each time a student runs completely around his or her group. Have the group doing the "over-under" sequence throw the chicken and make a circle. The other group locates the chicken and then does the 							
 Place students in groups of 4–6. It to student. Give a signal to stop. The last students. 	• Place students in groups of 4–6. Have them walk around the activity area, slowly decreasing their speed and throwing the chicken from student							
Variations • Rearrange groups so that they ar								
Notes for Teachers Discuss with students the challer		Planning Notes and Reflection						

Classroom Aerobics	Time 20 minutes	Facility ☑ Classroom ☐ Gymnasium	Multipurpose Outdoors		
Equipment Audio equipment Chairs/desks, fitness bands (optional)		Physical Activity Leve Moderate	l Vigorous		
 Safety Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others. Prior to the activity, check that the chairs will not tip or slide when weight is applied to the front edge of the chair. 					
Warm-up					

- Have students begin by walking on the spot or around the activity room with a partner while discussing their favourite physical activity, slowly
 increasing their speed.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity: Classroom Aerobics (Adapted from: Active Healthy Kids Canada, activ8, Grades 7–8, 2002.)

- Have students position their chairs so that they have room to stretch out their legs and sit on the edges of their chairs with straight backs.
 Start the music.
- Have students do the following actions for 30 seconds each while sitting on their chairs.
 - Hiking: Have students swing their arms and reach left and right while tapping their toes and lifting their knees.
 - Swimming: Have students move their arms as if doing the front or back crawl and kick their legs out in front.
 - Cycling: Have students circle their legs as if they are riding a bike.
 - Paddling: Have students use an imaginary paddle to paddle a canoe (paddle on both sides).
 - Tricep dips: Have students place both hands on the sides of the chair seats. Using their arms, they lift their bodies off the seats and then lower their bodies.
 - Bicep curls: Have students make a fist with one hand and bend the arm at the elbow to raise the hand towards the shoulder. Have them repeat this movement using the other hand. Alternatively, this activity can be done with a fitness band.
 - Twist: Have students clasp their hands together close to their chests with elbows out and twist slowly from side to side. Remind students to keep feet flat on the floor. Alternatively, this activity can be done with a fitness band.
- Have students do an aerobic activity (e.g., marching or jogging on the spot) after each of the activities outlined above.
- Have students repeat the entire sequence 2–3 times.

Cool-down

- Have students walk on the spot, slowly decreasing their speed.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

• Have students generate new movements or sequences to teach the class.

Notes for Teachers	Planning Notes and Reflection
 Discuss with students the physical activities that they like to do in the summer, spring, winter, and fall. Make up different sequences for each season. 	

Conflict and Change Circuit	Time 20 minutes	Facility Class Gymn		₫	Multipurpose Outdoors		
Equipment Audio equipm	nent (optional)	Physic Modera	al Activity	Level	Vigorous		
Safety							
 Remind students to be cautious v 	vhen moving and to	be aware of the pe	rsonal space of othe	ers.			
Warm-up							
 Have students start by walking o Have students gradually increase home from school, then running Lead, or have a student lead, a str 	speed every 30 seco a race.	nds. Ask them to in	nagine that they are		ns back and forth. a beach in deep sand, then walking		
Activity: Conflict and Chan	ge Circuit						
 Mackenzie's march: Have studenthe opposite direction. Look out: Have students jumpover a fence. Clearing the land: Have students as high as they can and then a After each station on the circuit, here. 	• Look out: Have students jump up and down as high as they can, using their arms for extra momentum, as if they were jumping to look						
Cool-down							
Have students walk on the spot, sLead, or have a student lead, a str		•	nple stretches).				
Variations							
Notes for Teachers Discuss with students how young changed throughout history. You could make connections to the history curriculum.			Planning	Notes	and Reflection		

Cross Country Canada	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium	<u>ন</u> ন	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment Audio equipm	ent (optional), paper	Physical Activity L Moderate	evel	Vigorous
Safety Remind students to be cautious v	when moving and to b	e aware of the personal space of others.		
 Climbing the mountain: Have slope. Make sure they are usin 	nada ne following activities students pretend they g their legs.	for 45 seconds. Have them repeat the circ are climbing a mountain. They can preter	nd they a	
 Biking the plains: Have studen Have them move their legs as Skiing the north: Have studen motion either side-to-side or Paddling the St. Lawrence: Have 	its pretend to be sitting if they are cycling. Its place their feet on p front-to-back as if they re students pretend the ed to paddle on both stolers.		er at their off the flo style or sk nce. Have	r desks or at a specific location. For, they slide their feet in a skiing kate skiing).

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Disc Golf Race	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium	<u> </u>	Multipurpose Outdoors			
Equipment 15 discs, 9–1 pinnies/markers	8 outdoor targets,	Physical Activity Moderate	Level	Vigorous			
 Teach students to throw the disc sa 	 Safety Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others. Teach students to throw the disc safely and properly. Do not choose targets located near entrances and exits. 						
slow jog, run). Have the last student in the line the pinnie or marker back until the group have taken a turn, the spec	hold a pinnie or mark he new last student i ed slightly increases.		nce the stud	ng their speed (e.g., walk, speed walk, dent gets to the front, he or she passes ront. Each time all the members of the			
Activity 1: Team Throw • Have groups of 5–6 students stand in line, one behind the other. The first person throws the disc down the field and goes to the back of the line. The entire team jogs towards the disc in single file. The second person, who is now the first, picks up the disc and throws it, and then goes to the back of the line. The team jogs down the field and repeats the activity until the team reaches the end of the field and everyone has							
thrown the disc. $\mathbf{Activity}\ 2$: Disc Golf Race	(Adapted from: Op	hea, H&PE Curriculum Support Docume	ent, Grades 7	7 and 8, 2000)			
 Activity 2: Disc Golf Race (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grades 7 and 8, 2000) Divide the class into pairs. Give each pair a disc and a list of outdoor targets (e.g., the slide, the garbage can, the fifth fence post, pylons, or objects brought outside to act as targets). Have students hit all the targets, in any order they wish. They may not carry the disc any distance. They must always throw it towards the target. Have students in the pairs take turns throwing the disc. One student throws, and his or her partner runs to where it lands, picks it up, and throws it again. Tell students that the objective is to complete all the targets without stopping. 							
Cool-down							
• Place students in groups of 4–6. Have them walk around the activity area, slowly decreasing their speed, throwing the disc from student to student							

- Give a signal to stop. The last student in each group to touch the disc leads students in a stretch of the large muscle groups.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

• Have the students draw a course, indicating the number and location of each of the targets. Circulate these course maps throughout the school for use by other teachers and students.

Notes for Teachers • Discuss with students how they could improve their time, number of shots, and number of steps. • You could make connections to the Geographic Inquiry strand of the geography curriculum.

Planning Notes and Reflection

Fitness Components Circuit	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment Audio equipment 30–50 beanbags, mats, skipping ropo		Physical Activity Leve Moderate	2 Vigorous
Safety			

Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.

Warm-up

- Have students walk around the activity area, slowly increasing their speed.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity 1: Spotless (Adapted from: Ophea, www.playsport.net, 2004)

- Place 30–50 beanbags in the middle of the activity area in a hoop.
- Designate 3–5 students to be in charge in the middle. Have them try to throw the beanbags underhand (along the ground) out of the middle
 area one at a time. Have the students around the outside gather up the beanbags and return them to the middle. Students on the outside
 must carry the beanbags back and may not throw or pass them to another student.
- After about 30 seconds, switch the students who are in the middle.

Activity 2: Fitness Components Circuit (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grade 7, 2000)

- Have students spend 60–90 seconds at each station, moving between stations without pausing. Music may be used.
- Station 1: Shuttle run Have students sit 5 metres apart from a partner with 5 beanbags in front of one partner. On the signal, the partner farthest from the beanbags stands up, runs to the beanbags, picks one up, and returns to his or her starting point. The student continues this until all 5 beanbags have been moved, then his or her partner does the same.
- Station 2: Long jumping Have students start with feet together and jump 5 times forward, then wait as their partner takes 5 jumps forward.
 Have students see how far they can go in 5 jumps. Once both partners have completed their 5 jumps, they turn around and go back the other way.
- Station 3: Skipping Have students use individual ropes to skip. Encourage students to restart quickly each time they stop to keep heart rates elevated. Students should be encouraged to try a variety of skipping techniques (e.g., forward, backward, double under, pepper).
- Station 4: Curl-ups Have students lie on a mat with arms straight at sides and knees bent at 90 degrees. Have students perform a curl-up
 (slowly raise head and shoulders together and look toward knees while keeping lower back on the mat). Students' hands slide along the mat
 in a continuous and controlled movement and at a steady rate. Have students count the number of successful curl-ups.
- Station 5: Bench steps Place a box or bench in a safe manner in the activity area. Have students step onto the box or bench with one foot, then the other, step off with the first foot and then the second. Have students repeat for the duration of the station.
- Station 6: Sit and reach Have students sit with straight legs and with the soles of their feet placed flat against the end of the box or bench. Have students lean forward with arms stretched and backs straight but relaxed. With palms down, they try to reach as far along their legs as possible and hold the position for a minimum of two seconds. Ensure that students hold the stretch and do not bounce.

Cool-down

- Have students walk around the perimeter of the activity area with a partner for 2 minutes, discussing the components of fitness that are in
 each of the stations.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

- Create circuit cards and post them in an accessible area so others within the building can also use the circuit.
- Have students run on the spot or skip between each activity.

Notes for Teachers

 The teacher or the students can record monthly results and monitor any changes in the students' ability to complete the stations and circuit.

Planning Notes and Reflection

Fitness Roll	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium Gymnasium Gutdoors
Equipment 15 sets of did audio equipment (optional),	e, scrap paper,	Physical Activity Level Moderate Vigorous

Safety

- Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.
- If the activity is taking place in the classroom, ensure that there is adequate room for students to stretch and move safely.

Warm-up

- Give each student two pieces of paper. Have students place the paper on the floor and place one foot firmly on each sheet. Challenge students to move or "skate" around the activity area, using different forms and directions, gradually increasing their speed.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity: Fitness Roll

- Have students work in groups of 2—3. Give each group a pair of dice and designate a safe area within the activity area for each group.
- Start the music. Each student in a group rolls one die. The student(s) who roll the highest number(s) jog around the outside of the activity area twice. The student who rolls the lowest number does an activity designated by the total of the two dice until the first student returns. If two students in one group roll the same number, they must both roll again. Activities may include:

2 – jumping jacks
 3 – sit-ups
 4 – wall push-ups
 5 – tuck jumps
 6 – line jumps
 8 – stride jumps
 9 – marching on the spot
 10 – wall jumps
 11 – floor push-ups
 12 – running on the spot

○ 7 – alternate heel touches

Cool-down

- Have students take two pieces of paper, place the paper on the floor, and place one foot firmly on each sheet. Have students move or "skate" around the activity area, slowly decreasing their speed.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

• Have students make up their own list of activities.

Notes for Teachers	Planning Notes and Reflection
 Post the list of activities around the activity area. Discuss with students the importance of setting personal goals related to being physically active. 	

Four Corner **Facility** Time Classroom Multipurpose Soccer 20 minutes **☑** Gymnasium Outdoors Physical Activity Level **Equipment** Four soccer balls, four pylons, pinnies/markers **✓** Moderate Vigorous Safety Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others. Warm-up Place students in groups of 4—6. Have them move around the activity area in single file, slowly increasing their speed (e.g., walk, speed walk, Have the last student in the line hold a pinnie or marker and move to the front of the line. Once the student gets to the front, he or she passes the pinnie or marker back until the new last student in line gets it, and then this student moves to the front. Each time all the members of the group have taken a turn, the speed slightly increases. Have students continue for 2–3 minutes. Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches). Activity: Four Corner Soccer (Adapted from: Active Healthy Kids Canada, activ8, Grades 7–8, 2002 Divide the class into four groups. Use a pylon as the goal for each team. Place the pylons near the corners or edges of the activity area so that they form a square. Tell the students that there are no goalies allowed. If a team hits or knocks over a cone then that team scores a goal. The team whose cone is knocked over must put the cone back up and then begin again with the ball. Have students begin the game with two balls. Have teams work to score goals on as many different goals (pylons) as possible. Tell students that teams cannot score on the same goal twice in a row. Have teams keep track of their own scores. Stop the game to allow 30-45 seconds for teams to meet and discuss strategy and adaptations to the game. Then restart the game. Cool-down Place students in groups of 4–6. Have them walk around the activity area, slowly decreasing their speed, passing a soccer ball from student Give a signal to stop. The last student in each group to touch the soccer ball leads a stretch of the large muscle groups. Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches). Variations Add more balls as players become more proficient at the game. Pair teams so that two teams are working together. Rearrange teams so that they are not all the same size. **Notes for Teachers** Planning Notes and Reflection The use of pinnies helps to establish teams and increase passing and Discuss with students the challenges and strategies used in the game.

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Moving With Cards	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium	₫	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment Audio equipment and two or more decks of playing cal		Physical Activity Moderate	Level ✓	Vigorous
	•	be aware of the personal space of othe that there is adequate room for studen		and move safely.
 Have students gradually increase home from school, then running 	e speed every 30 seco a race.	iety of steps (e.g., narrow, wide), pump nds. Ask them to imagine that they are Appendix C for sample stretches).	-	
Stop the music every 30 to 45 secHave each group get together in	nctivity area, using diff onds. When the music a safe area and do th	erent locomotion patterns and passing stops, the students get into groups base e activity identified by the suit of the c ., 3 times for a 3, 11 for a jack, 12 for a c	ed on card n card (see be	umbers (e.g., all the 4s or all the jacks). low). Groups perform the activity the
Activity 2: Rounding Up	the Cards			
	outside of the activity	the middle of the activity area. y area three times in a variety of ways. up — speed walking, third lap — gallopir		ing, outline to students the different

- After students have completed three laps, have them go into the middle of the activity area and choose one card. Students then return to the outside of the activity area and do three more laps.
- Once the numbers on a student's cards total 30 (ace = 14), have the student move to a designated area. The student chooses an activity to do (e.g., jumping jacks). When a new student enters the designated area, he or she chooses a new activity for all the students in the designated
- Have students continue until all students are in the designated area and have chosen an activity.

Cool-down

- Have students move slowly (e.g., slow jog, brisk walking) around the activity area.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

• Have students do Moving With Cards individually instead of in groups.

Planning Notes and Reflection **Notes for Teachers** • Post a chart or list with a number of different fitness activities that could be used in Moving With Cards.

One After	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment Audio equip	ment (optional)	Physical Activity Level Moderate Vigorous

Safety

Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.

Warm-up

- Have students walk, gallop, or hop around the physical activity area with a partner. Have them change direction and slowly increase their speed at regular intervals.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity: One After (Adapted from: Alberta Education, Daily Physical Activity School Handbook, 2005)

- Divide students into groups of 4–6.
- Choose a student in each group to lead a series of aerobic movements.
- Start the music. Have the leader of the first group do a physical activity (e.g., stride jumps) for 30 seconds. Have students in that group copy the leader. All the other groups walk or jog on the spot.
- At the end of 30 seconds, have the group leader switch to a second movement (e.g., arm punches). Have the second group start the first
 activity the leader did.
- Have the second group always follow one move behind the leader, the third group follow two moves behind the leader, and the fourth group follow three moves behind the leader.
- Have this sequence continue in a chain reaction, with everyone switching at the same time and each group doing the action one after the
 group that is in front of them.
- At your signal, have the leader stop moving. The groups continue until the leader gives the stop signal three times.

Cool Down: Stretch Wave (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grade 8, 2000)

- Have students move slowly (e.g., in a slow jog, brisk walk) around the activity area.
- Have students form a circle. Appoint a leader, who will choose stretches. Have students "pass" each stretch around the circle and hold it as others join in, creating a wave effect (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

- Use a variety of music beats to increase and decrease students' physical activity levels.
- Increase the length of time that students spend on each physical activity to 45 seconds.

Notes for Teachers Discuss with students how they felt after being physically active and how it felt to be active with a group of peers. You could make connections to the Drama and Dance strand of the arts curriculum.

Scatter Dance	Time 20 minutes	Facility Class Gymr		₫	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment Audio equipment			al Activity Le	vel	Vigorous
Safety					
Remind students to be cautious v	when moving and to	be aware of the pe	rsonal space of others.		
 Warm-up Have students start by walking o Have students gradually increase home from school, then running Lead, or have a student lead, a str Activity: Scatter Dance Have students perform the follow walk forward four counts 	speed every 30 seco a race. retching routine (see	nds. Ask them to in Appendix C for san	nagine that they are walki		ns back and forth. a beach in deep sand, then walking
 walk backward four counts repeat walk right four counts walk left four counts repeat do V-step (take a step with ripe backwards with left foot and repeat V-step (three times) walk forward four counts and walk right four counts and lef do box step (step forward with repeat box step (three times) repeat whole dance 	put left arm down, ta back four counts (tw t four counts (two tir	ake a step back witl vo times) nes)	right foot and put right a	arm do	
Cool-down: Stretch Wav	e (Adapted from: C)phea, <i>H&PE Curricu</i>	lum Support Document, G	rade 8	,2000)
 Have students move slowly (e.g., Have students form a circle. Appopoint join in, creating a wave effect (see 	int a leader, who wil	l choose stretches.	•	tretch	around the circle and hold it as others
Variations					
Use a variety of music with the sales.	ame dance patterns.				
Notes for Teachers Discuss with students the connection and dance. You could make connections to the curriculum.			Planning No	ote	s and Reflection

Skipping Circuit	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium		Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment One skipping	J rope per student	Physical Activity I Moderate	Level ⊻	Vigorous
C C				

Safety

Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.

Warm-up

- Have students move around the activity area in a variety of ways, slowly increasing their speed.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity: Skipping Circuit

- Have students skip for 1–2 minutes, using a running step.
- Divide the students into groups of 4–6. Have each group spend 45–60 seconds at each station.
- Station 1: Continuous skipping Have students use any method they want to try to skip for the entire time.
- Station 2: Backward skipping Have students perform various moves backwards, such as one-foot and two-foot skips.
- Station 3: Freestyle skipping Have students try unique skipping styles (e.g., double jumps, crossovers).
- Station 4: Running step Have students skip using a running step.
- Station 5: Right foot hop Have students skip using their right foot only.
- Station 6: Left foot hop Have students skip using their left foot only.
- Station 7: Jump Have students skip using a two-foot jump.
- Station 8: Routines Have students combine the moves and create routines.

Cool-down: Stretch Wave (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grade 8, 2000)

- Have students move slowly (e.g., in a slow jog, brisk walk) around the activity area.
- Have students form a circle. Appoint a leader, who will choose stretches. Have students "pass" each stretch around the circle and hold it as others join in, creating a wave effect (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

Class skip: Use a long skipping rope. Have as many students as possible line up on the same side of the rope. On a count of three, have all
students try to jump together and clear the rope as a group as many times as possible.

Notes for Teachers

- If a student's rope stops, encourage the student to start again immediately to keep the heart rate up.
- Discuss the term "personal best" and how it can apply to an activity like skipping.

Planning Notes and Reflection

Stones	Time 20 minutes	Fa	cility Classroom Gymnasium	1	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment 20–30 bean four hoops	bags, four pylons,	Pŀ ⊻	nysical Activity Lo Moderate	evel	Vigorous
Safety		•			

Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.

Warm-up

- Have students move around the activity area, tossing an object back and forth, with a partner or small group. Have them change direction and slowly increase their speed at regular intervals.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity: Stones (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grades 7 and 8, 2000)

- Divide class into two groups.
- Divide the playing area into half and use four hoops to designate "safe" areas, two at each side of the activity area.
- Place 6–8 of the beanbags, or "stones", in the hoops in the safe area on each side.
- Place a pylon two metres in front of each safe area.
- Have students run to the other team's area, pick up one stone, and return safely to their own side without being tagged by someone on the other team.
- Have students try to get all of the stones to their home sides. The object of the game is to get as many stones as possible by the end of the game. Students may take only one stone at a time. They may only carry the stones, not pass or throw them.
- Tell students that, if a student is not on his or her own side of the activity area, he or she can be tagged by a member of the other team. When a student is tagged, he or she must jog on the spot or do jumping jacks until he or she is touched by a member of his or her team.
- Stop the game periodically to allow 30–45 seconds for groups to meet and discuss strategy and adaptations to the game and to free all students who have not already been freed. Then restart the game.

Cool-down

- Place students in groups of 4–6. Have them walk around the activity area, slowly decreasing their speed and throwing a beanbag from student to student.
- Give a signal to stop. The last student in each group to touch the beanbag leads a stretch of the large muscle groups.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

- Divide class into four groups. Divide the activity area into guarters and have one safe area at each of the corners.
- Rearrange teams so that they are not all the same size.

 Be aware that students will need some time to learn the game. Discuss with students ways in which the game can be made more challenging. 	Notes for Teachers	Planning Notes and Reflection
	Discuss with students ways in which the game can be made more	

Tag Games	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment None		Physical Activity Leve	Vigorous

Safety

Remind students to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others.

Warm-up

- Have students walk or speed walk around the activity area with a partner or small group, while discussing heart rate and the effect that walking around the activity area has on heart rate.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a brief stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity 1: Triangle Tag (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grades 7 and 8, 2000)

- Place students in groups of 4–8.
- Have all but one person in each group join hands and form a circle.
- Designate the person on the outside in each group as "it".
- Have "it" attempt to tag a designated person from the same group.
- Have the other members of the group attempt to protect the designated person from being tagged, by moving in any way they choose as long
 as they do not let go of each other.
- Have "it" move around the outside of the group, not touching anyone else in the group or going through the linked hands.

Activity 2: Bump Tag (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grade 5, 2000)

- Assign two students to be "it". Designate three spots (you may use hoops or pylons) where students will go when tagged.
- Have tagged students move to one of the designated spots and jog on the spot.
- Tell the students that, once a third student is at the designated spot, the first one there is back in the game.
- Change the student who is "it" frequently. You may choose to use more than two students at a time.

Cool-down: Stretch Wave (Adapted from: Ophea, *H&PE Curriculum Support Document*, Grade 8, 2000)

- Have students move slowly (e.g., in a slow jog, brisk walk) around the activity area.
- Have students form a circle. Appoint a leader, who will choose stretches. Have students "pass" each stretch around the circle and hold it as
 others join in, creating a wave effect (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

Have students share a variety of tag games and variations on them that they know.

Notes for Teachers Ask students about various tag games they know. Keep a list of different ones that can be played in turn throughout the year.

Training	Time	Facility			
Together	20 minutes	☐ Classı ☑ Gvmr	oom asium	₫	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment None		,	l Activity Le	vel	Vigorous
Safety • Remind students to be cautious w	when moving and to	be aware of the pe	sonal space of others.		
Warm-up					
 Place students in groups of 4–6. Have the leader demonstrate one As the students are participating Have the new student start a nev Have the students continue until Lead, or have a student lead, a str 	e physical activity to in the activity, have to activity, have to activity as soon as to all students have been	increase heart rates the leader call out t the first one is com en leader.	Have all students in the ne next person to lead th lete.	group	repeat the activity for eight counts. ity.
Activity: Training Together					
 Divide the students into groups of Have the team move around a present Have the groups complete a physical move to the back and the group of Have the students do the following of jog to station 1 — do 20 jump of hop to station 2 — do 10 tuck of walk to station 3 — do 25 leap of gallop to station 4 — do 5 pus of jump to station 5 — do 10 lun of walk to station 6 — do 5 heel of Have students continue until the 	redetermined area (e. ical activity at each st move to a new statio ng activities: ing jacks jumps os h-ups ges touches	ation, led by the firs n with a new leade	student in the line. Once		tivity is complete, have that student
Cool-down: Mirror Imag	e				
 Have students move around the a Have one student lead the way b Give a signal to stop. Have a diffe movements and directions at a sl Lead, or have a student lead, a str 	y moving the group t rent student in each lower speed.	through a variety of group take the lead	movements and direction Have the new leaders		ir groups through a variety of
Variations • Have each group come up with a	challenge or tasks fo	or the other groups	o complete.		
Notes for Teachers Discuss with students different w done using other forms of mover	ays in which this act	ivity could be	Planning N	otes	s and Reflection

Ultimate Disc	Time 20 minutes		y room nasium	□	Multipurpose Outdoors	
Equipment One disc for e	very 4–6 students,	Physic Moder	al Activity	Level	Vigorous	
Safety Remind students to be cautious v Establish one direction for throwi	-	be aware of the p	ersonal space of othe	ers.		
Warm-up						
 Place students in groups of 4–6.1 slow jog, run). Have the last student in the line head once the student gets to the front Each time all the members of the Lead, or have a student lead, a str Activity: Ultimate Disc (Ad 	nold a disc and move t, he or she passes the group have taken a etching routine (see	to the front of the e disc back until th turn, the speed sli Appendix C for sai	line. e new last student ir ghtly increases. Have nple stretches).	n line gets it.1 e students cor	Then this student moves to	
 Divide the activity area into at lea Place students in groups of 6–8 s Tell students that the object is to are no goalies. If the disc is not ca Tell students that, when catching, pass when stationary. The disc can Tell students that a change of pos Have students begin the game. Ha After a few minutes, stop the game the game. 	tudents. Each game is score by passing the sught by a teammate, players must stop que thrown forward ssession takes place is the groups switch pos	is played with one disc to a teammat e, no score is made uickly and maintai s, backwards, or si f a pass is incompl itions after each sc	disc and two groups te in the goal area. A n control (2 or 3 step deways. ete, knocked down, i ore or every 5 minute	s. I player canno ps may be all intercepted, o es so that no o	ot carry a disc over the goal owed), then establish a piv or thrown out of bounds. one group is favoured by wi	ot foot and
Cool-down: Disc Leader						
 Place students in groups of 4–6. It to student. Give a signal to stop. Have the las Lead, or have a student lead, a str 	t student in each gro	oup to touch the di	sc lead a stretch of t		-	lent
Variations Rotate groups so that students have a pair groups so that two groups are Rearrange groups so that they are	e working together.		ty of students and g	roups.		
Notes for Teachers If you have a large class, split it in students are given a greater oppo Discuss with students how wind a	ortunity to participat	e.	Planning	g Notes	and Reflection	on

Winter Circuit	Time 20 minutes	Facility Classroom Gymnasium	4	Multipurpose Outdoors
Equipment Audio equip	ment (optional)	Physical Activity Moderate	Level ⊻	Vigorous
Safety Remind students to be cautious:	when moving and to	be aware of the personal space of other	rs.	

Warm-up

- Have students walk on the spot or around the activity area with a partner while discussing the components of physical activity and slowly increasing their speed.
- Lead, or have a student lead, a stretching routine (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Activity: Winter Circuit

- Have students do each station for 45 seconds. Music may be used.
 - Ski over lines: Have students jump with two feet from side to side over a line.
 - Ski jump: Have students crouch low with their hands touching the ground and jump up as high as they can.
 - Slalom course: Have students travel in a zigzag pattern around the activity area.
 - Knee tucks: Have students jump up while pulling their knees up tight to their stomachs (tuck jumps).
 - Cross-country skiing: Have students do leg lunges using alternate legs.
- Between each of the activities, have students jog on the spot or skip for 45 seconds.

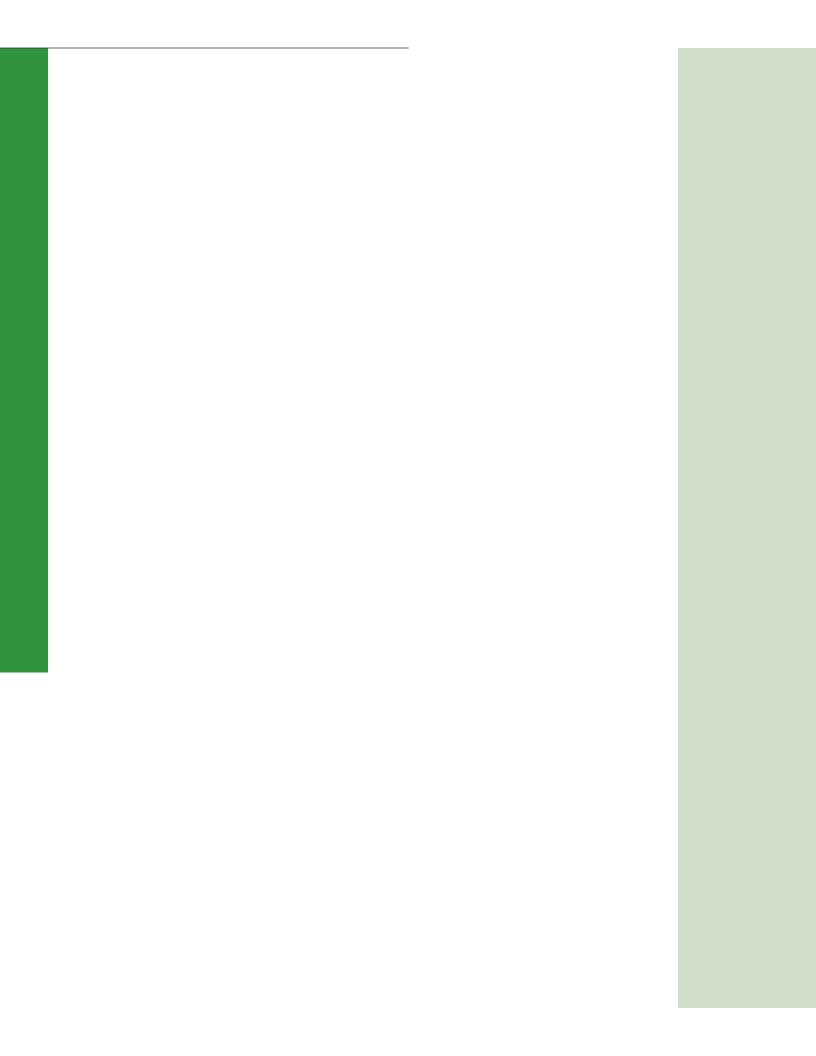
Cool-down: Stretch Wave (Adapted from: Ophea, H&PE Curriculum Support Document, Grade 8, 2000)

- Have students move slowly (e.g., in a slow jog, brisk walk) around the activity area.
- Have students form a circle. Appoint a leader, who will choose stretches. Have students "pass" each stretch around the circle and hold it as others join in, creating a wave effect (see Appendix C for sample stretches).

Variations

- Change the theme of the circuit to reflect the interests of the class or community.
- Post circuit cards in an accessible area so others within the building can also use the circuit.

Planning Notes and Reflection **Notes for Teachers** Discuss with students how they feel when they are active outdoors in the winter. Ask them about the last physical activity in which they participated.



Appendix A

SAFETY GUIDELINES

The responsibility for ensuring a safe learning/activity environment rests with the school board and its staff. (The ministry does not endorse or prescribe any particular individual safety guidelines.) Most school boards have their own safety guidelines and policies to which their staff members must adhere. However, the following material, which has been adapted from Ophea's Ontario Safety Guidelines for Physical Education, Elementary Curricular, updated in 2005, may serve as a useful guide to teachers and other school staff working with students.

Daily physical activities may take place in a variety of locations, such as gymnasiums, the outdoors, classrooms, and multipurpose areas. However, there are many common guidelines for safety that apply to all of these locations, and they are outlined in this appendix.

Medical Information

- Be aware of any physical limitations that students may have that would prevent full participation in daily physical activities.
- Be well prepared to respond to emergency situations that might arise from such conditions as asthma, diabetes, and life-threatening allergies.
- Follow board policies regarding the collection and storage of student information.

First Aid

- Be aware of the school's first-aid emergency action plan, the identity of the first-aid providers, and the location of the first-aid or health room and first-aid kit(s).
- When conducting off-site activities, plan how to access emergency medical aid.
- Follow board policies prescribed for Universal Precautions for Blood and Bodily Fluids.

Activity Risks

Before engaging in physical activities, inform students of the following:

- possible risks associated with the activity
- ways of minimizing the risks
- procedures and guidelines for safe participation

Emergency Situations

Inform students of the locations of fire alarms, fire exits, assembly areas, and protocols for emergency situations for every location where daily physical activity takes place.

Off-site Activities

When activities are taking place off the school site, refer to school board policies, protocols, and forms.

Change Rooms and Travelling

At the beginning of the school year, and throughout the year, inform and remind students of appropriate change-room behaviours and safe procedures for going from the classroom to the activity area and back.

Equipment

- Items of equipment must be appropriate for the facility or location used (e.g., classroom, outdoors).
- Items of equipment must be checked regularly to ensure that they are in good working order.
- Balls must be properly and fully inflated.
- Mats must be placed directly below high apparatus (e.g., chin-up bar, peg board).
- Encourage students to report equipment problems to the teacher.

Clothing and Footwear

Appropriate footwear is a minimum requirement. Remind students to tie shoelaces securely. Shorts, sweat pants, T-shirts, and sweatshirts are examples of appropriate clothing. Hanging jewellery must not be worn. Jewellery that cannot be removed and that presents a safety concern (e.g., medical alert identification) must be taped.

Facilities

- Visually check the activity area before the activity to ensure that hazards are identified and removed.
- Remove excess equipment and furniture from the perimeter of the activity area (e.g., tables, chairs).
- Bring potentially dangerous and immovable objects (e.g., goalposts, protruding stage) to the attention of students. Create a "safety zone" of at least one metre around the perimeter of the activity area. Mark out areas, where possible, with pylons.
- The activity surface, whether indoors or outdoors, must provide good traction.
- Make students aware of the boundaries of the activity area.
- Encourage students to report safety concerns regarding the facility to the teacher.

Physical Activities: Special Rules and Instructions

- Activities must be appropriate for the age and ability levels of the students and the facility where the activity is taking place.
- Games and activities must be based on skills that have been taught earlier.
- Instruct students regarding the proper use of equipment before allowing them to use it.
- Emphasize that students are responsible for keeping a safe distance from one another and for ensuring that they move safely.
- Clearly outline all rules to students. Rules must be strictly enforced and modified to suit the age and ability of the participants.
- Make clear to the students that body-on-body contact and equipment-on-body contact are prohibited.
- Ensure that daily physical activities consist of appropriate warm-ups, moderate to vigorous physical activities, and cool-downs.
- Encourage each student to work at a level of intensity that is appropriate for him or her.

Supervision

- Ensure that supervision of daily physical activity is in accordance with all board policies and protocols.
- Be present at, in control of, and fully attentive to the activity area at all times while students are physically active.
- Inform and periodically remind students that use of equipment and of the gymnasium and multipurpose rooms is prohibited without teacher supervision. Deterrents must be in place (e.g., announcements, signs on doors, locked doors).
- Establish routines, rules of acceptable behaviour, and appropriate duties for students at the beginning of the year, reinforce these throughout the year, and ensure that students adhere to them.
- Be vigilant to prevent one student from pressuring another into trying activities for which he or she is not ready.
- When a student displays hesitation verbally or non-verbally during an activity, discuss the reason(s) for the hesitancy and, if appropriate, provide the student with a different activity.

In the following chart, safety guidelines are provided for activities conducted in a classroom, in a multipurpose area, in a gymnasium, outdoors, and/or in a community facility. In cases where sport-specific activities are being done (e.g., soccer), refer to school board policies and protocols. Ophea's Ontario Safety Guidelines for Physical Education, Elementary Curricular provides activity-specific safety guidelines for a full range of activities.

	Equipment	Clothing & Footwear	Facilities	Special Rules & Instructions	Supervision
Classroom	 Equipment must be appropriate for age and ability of students and size of classroom. First-aid kit must be accessible. Items should be safely stored. 	 Running shoes must be worn. 	Visually inspect and check for hazards specific to classrooms (e.g., ensure that floor surface is not slippery and is free from all obstacles, such as books, backpacks, and extension cords). Ensure that carpets do not present a tripping hazard.	 Plan for activities that have a controlled amount of movement (e.g., running on the spot, chair exercises). 	On-site supervision
Multi- purpose Area	 Equipment must be appropriate for age and ability of students and size of facility. All equipment used in fitness activities must be in good repair. First-aid kit must be accessible. Items should be safely stored. 	Running shoes must be worn.	 Visually inspect and check for hazards specific to the location (e.g., proximity of drinking fountains and trophy cases to the activity). Walls must not be used for turning points or finish lines. A line or pylon should be used instead. 	 Plan for activities that have a controlled amount of movement, based on the size of the area (e.g., aerobics, mat work, fitness stations, skipping, dance). Students must be instructed in the proper use of equipment before using it. If the activity area is a common open area (e.g., an atrium, a forum, a library), students who are not involved in the daily physical activity should walk around the outside of the area or should be redirected to take another route. Take precautions to guard against doors opening into the activity area. 	• On-site supervision
Gymnasium	 Equipment must be checked regularly and repaired as needed. First-aid kit must be accessible. Equipment must be appropriate for age and ability of students. Items should be stored safely. 	 Running shoes must be worn. 	Visually inspect for hazards specific to the location. Walls and stages must not be used for turning points or finish lines. A line or pylon should be used instead. Floor plugs must be used to cover the holes in which poles for nets are usually placed.	 Students must be instructed in the proper use of equipment before using it. 	On-sitesupervision

	Equipment	Clothing & Footwear	Facilities	Special Rules & Instructions	Supervision
Outdoors	 Equipment must be appropriate for age and ability of students. Equipment must be safely transported to the outdoor location. First-aid kit must be accessible. When using playgrounds, teachers must follow board policies. 	 Footwear must be appropriate for the requirements of the activity (e.g., running shoes, snowshoes) Clothing must be appropriate for the activity and weather conditions (e.g., hats, sunscreen). 	Visually inspect outdoor area for potential hazards (e.g., holes, glass, rocks). Immovable obstacles, such as trees and goalposts, must be identified to students. Severely uneven surfaces must not be used. There must be sufficient turf for proper traction and impact absorption. Warn students to be careful on wet grass.	 Take into consideration the outside weather conditions (e.g., heat, cold, smog, rain, lightning) when planning activities. Attention must be given to temperature, length of time students have been outside, and intensity of activity. Inform parents and students of the importance of sun protection (e.g., sunscreen, hats) and insect repellent. Remind students of the importance of hydration. Let the school office know whenever a class will be held outdoors and ensure that an appropriate means of communication is available (e.g., student runner, walkie-talkies). Ensure that there is easy access into the school building from the location. Students must stay in pairs or groups (the buddy system) if they are going to be out of the teacher's sight for any reason. For winter activities, discuss with students how to prevent, recognize, and treat frostbite. 	• On-site supervision
Community Facility	 Use equipment appropriate to the size and condition of the facility. Equipment must be safely transported to the community facility. First-aid kit must be accessible. When using playgrounds, teachers must follow board policies. 	 Clothing and footwear must be appropriate for the activity (e.g., running shoes, ice skates). 	 Visually inspect community facility for hazardous conditions. 	 Follow rules and etiquette as outlined by the facility. Be familiar with the emergency safety procedures of the facility. Ensure that there is a suitable means of communication with the school in case of an emergency 	On-site supervision

Appendix B

SAMPLE TIMETABLES

The following sample timetables illustrate three ways in which daily physical activity can be incorporated into the 300-minute instructional day: on a division-wide basis; as a combination of school-wide planned activity and activity planned by individual classroom teachers; and as activity planned entirely by the classroom teacher. School boards, principals, and teachers are encouraged to explore a variety of ways in which the required twenty minutes of sustained moderate to vigorous daily physical activity can be scheduled at their schools, in order to determine the most effective option.

It is important to remember that daily physical activity does not have to take place in the gymnasium. All of the physical activity areas that are safe and appropriate for student participation, including the classroom, should be considered for purposes of scheduling. As noted in this guide, the classroom is an acceptable space for daily physical activity as long as the activity planned is safe for students to perform in a limited space.

Many schools, especially in their primary and junior classrooms, practise block timetabling. In such cases, timetables would not involve the subject-by-subject breakdown shown in the samples. Instead, individual teachers would determine how to integrate daily physical activity time into the blocks of time they have available for instruction in the various subject areas.

Sample Timetable 1* Daily Physical Activity Planned on a Division-Wide Basis

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	French	History / Geography
7	Science	Science	History / Geography	Science	Science
			Recess		
m	French	Religion	The arts	Religion	French
4	Language	History / Geography	The arts	Mathematics	Mathematics
			Lunch		
70	Language	Language	French	Language	Language
9	Religion	French	Language	Language	Religion
			Recess		
7	Health and physical education	The Arts	Health and physical education	Health and physical education	The arts
Last 20 minutes of the day	Daily physical activity	Daily physical activity	Daily physical activity	Daily physical activity	Daily physical activity

^{*} This sample reflects programming in a school in a Roman Catholic district school board.

In this example, all students in the intermediate division participate together in daily physical activity at the end of the school day, in the classroom, the gymnasium, or out of doors, if weather permits. The Grade 7 and 8 classes each take responsibility for planning and leading daily physical activity for a month.

Combination of School-Wide Activity and Activity Planned by Individual Classroom Teachers Sample Timetable 2

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-	Whole-school daily physical activity*	Language	Whole-school daily physical activity*	Language	Whole-school daily physical activity*
	Language		Language		Language
7	Language	Language	Language	Language	Language
			Recess		
m	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics
4	Health and physical education	Mathematics	Health and physical education	Health and physical education, including daily physical activity	Mathematics
			Lunch		
5	The arts	Social studies	Social studies	The arts	The arts
		Science & technology			
v	Science & technology	Daily physical activity led by classroom teacher	Science & technology	The arts	Science & technology
			Recess		
7	French	French	French	French	French

School-wide activity occurs on a rotating schedule. For example:

Week 1 – Period 1 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Week 2 – Period 2 on Tuesday and Thursday

Week 3 – Period 3 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Week 4 – Period 4 on Tuesday and Thursday

Individual classroom teachers schedule and lead daily physical activity with their classes on the days when school-wide activity is not planned. In this example, daily physical activity is incorporated as one component of a health and physical education class on one such day.

Sample Timetable 3
Daily Physical Activity Planned by the Classroom Teacher

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-	95611506	Language	90011000	90010000	9000
-	Laiguage	Daily physical activity	Language	Lailguage	Lailyaaye
2	Language	Language	Language	Language	Language
			Recess		
ſſ	Mathematics	Mathomatica	Market Ma	Mathematics	Mathematics
n	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Daily physical activity	Mathematics
4	French	French	French	French	French
			Lunch		
۲O	Health and physical	Mathematics	Health and physical	Mathematics	The arts
V	daily physical activity	F F	daily physical activity	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	The arts
D		ine arts		science & tecnnology	Daily physical activity
			Recess		
7	History / Geography	The arts	History / Geography	Science & technology	Science & technology

physical education program on two days of the week. On the other days, the classroom teacher schedules daily physical activity at different times, content area instruction, and when it is best conducted independent of instruction in any other subject. In this example, the scheduling of daily In this example, the classroom teacher, or the physical education teacher, incorporates daily physical activity as a component of the health and to avoid having it affect instruction in the same subject every day. The teacher determines when daily physical activity can be integrated into physical activity time may change every week or month.

Appendix C

STRETCHES FOR WARM-UP AND COOL-DOWN ACTIVITIES

Some of the stretches in this appendix are designed to stretch muscles, and some are designed to move the joints through a full range of motion. See the sections entitled "Warm-up" and "Cool-down" in the Introduction (pages 28 and 29) before selecting and implementing stretches.

The following warm-up and cool-down stretches have been adapted from Ophea, *H&PE Curriculum Support Documents,* Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2000.

NECK

Neck Stretches

- Slowly tilt head to the right side, moving right ear towards right shoulder. Hold.
- Repeat on left side.
- Slowly tilt head forward, moving chin towards chest. Hold.
- Slowly roll head across chest from shoulder to shoulder in a half circle. Repeat four times.

Neck and Shoulder Stretch

- Without moving shoulders, turn head to one side and look over your shoulder. Hold.
- Repeat on same side, then do twice on the other side.

SHOULDERS

Shoulder Stretches

(activity for range of motion)

- Move shoulders up and down, first one, then the other, then both at the same time.
- Move shoulders forward and backward together, or one at a time.

Reach and Stretch

- Stand with hands clasped and arms stretched over the head.
- Pull arms backward gently and hold.

Shoulder Shrug and Roll (activity for range of motion)

- Shrug shoulders up towards ears and hold. Repeat three times.
- With arms down by sides, slowly roll shoulders forward in a circular motion.
 Repeat, doing five circles forward.
- Slowly roll shoulders backward in a circular motion. Repeat, doing five circles backward.

ARMS

Upper Arm Stretch

- Stand with feet shoulder-width apart.
- Raise right arm above the head and bend elbow so the right hand rests at the back of the neck or upper back.
- Place left hand on right elbow.
- Press the elbow slightly backward until a gentle stretch is felt in the right upper arm. Hold.
- Repeat with left arm.

Arm Circles

(activity for range of motion)

- Stand with feet shoulder-width apart.
- Hold arms straight out to the sides.
- Slowly circle arms forward and backward.
- Repeat with arms bent.

HANDS AND WRISTS

Finger Press

- Place hands in a steeple position.
- Press the ends of the fingers together.
- Shake hands out.

Wrist Circles

 Rotate wrists by drawing circles with hands.

CHEST AND BACK

Chest, Shoulders, and Arm Stretch

- Stand with feet shoulder-width apart.
- Clasp hands behind back and slowly lift arms upward until stretch is felt in the chest, shoulders, and arms. Hold.
- Repeat.

Cat Stretch

- Stand with feet shoulder-width apart, knees slightly bent.
- Bend forward, placing hands on knees and keeping the back flat.
- Slowly arch the back upward into a rounded position. Hold.
- Return to flat back. Repeat.

CHEST AND BACK

Back Stretch

- Clasp hands in front of body and raise arms to shoulder height.
- Slowly press hands forward while curving the back and tucking chin down towards the chest.
- Feel a gentle stretch across the upper back. Hold.
- Repeat.

Cross and Reach

- Cross one arm in front of body at shoulder height.
- Using the other arm, press arm across the body until a stretch is felt in the upper arm and upper back.
- Repeat on other side.

Hug

- Sit or stand with back straight and tall.
- Slowly take a deep breath in through the nose and let it out through the mouth. Repeat three times.
- Wrap arms around shoulders and give yourself a big hug. Hold.

HIPS AND WAIST

Twister

- Stand with knees slightly bent, feet shoulder-width apart.
- Without moving hips or legs, slowly rotate the upper body from the waist up, twisting to look behind.
- Repeat on other side.

The Pretzel (hip stretch)

- Sit on the floor with right leg extended along the floor in front of you.
- Pull left leg over right leg in a bent position with left foot flat on the floor.
- Using the right hand, pull the left knee towards the chest.
- At the same time, twist torso to the left as far as possible.
- Place the left arm behind you for balance.
- Repeat on other side.

Sitting Twists

(range of motion activity for hips)

- Sit with legs bent and close to chest, arms at sides, and hands on floor for support.
- Keeping legs together, slowly twist them from side to side, touching knees to the floor on each side.

Hips, Shins, and Feet Stretch

- Stand with weight on right leg.
- Bend left leg and rest the left foot on the floor with "shoelaces facing the floor" to stretch the front of the foot.
- Tilt the hips forward (pelvic tilt) to stretch the hip flexors.
- Keep abdominal muscles tight.
- Repeat on other side.

Front Lunges

- Stand with feet shoulder-width apart.
- Take a giant step forward without moving the other foot.
- Bend front knee to 90 degrees while keeping back leg straight. Rest hands on front thigh.
- Repeat on other side.

Reach for the Sky (side stretch)

- Stretch arms overhead, first straight up then diagonally up.
- Reach up with both arms as if you are being pulled up to the ceiling.
- Relax between stretches.

Side Lunges

- Stand with feet spread wide apart, knees slightly bent, hands on hips.
- Move slowly from side to side by alternately bending and straightening each leg, keeping upper body vertical and facing straight ahead.

Torso Twist

- Lie on the back with knees bent and arms out to the sides on the floor.
- Slowly lower both knees down to one side, while trying to keep both arms flat on the floor. Hold.
- Repeat with the other side.

Crossover Stretch

- Lie on the back, and support body on bent elbows and lower arms (or lie flat on floor).
- Extend one leg on the floor and bend the other knee with foot flat on the floor.
- Press bent knee over straight leg towards the floor, keeping hips as level as possible.
- Repeat on other side.

ABDOMINAL MUSCLES	FEET
Pelvic Tilt Lying on back with knees bent, press the arch of the back into the floor by tightening the abdominal muscles. Hold. Repeat.	 Foot Flexers While standing, balance on one leg and alternately flex and extend the ankle on the other leg. Repeat on the other side. Ankle Rotation Sit with legs bent in front and use hands for support. Raise one leg off the floor, and rotate the foot at the ankle. Repeat with the other foot. Variation: Do this exercise standing up, balancing on one leg, then the other.
LEGS	
 Butterfly (stretch for inner thigh) Sit with legs bent, soles of feet together, knees out to the side. Use hands to gently press knees towards floor. Hold. Shin Stretch Stand with feet shoulder-width apart. Lift one foot and move it slightly behind you, gently pressing the top of the toes into the floor. Feel a stretch up the shin. Keep knee of supporting leg slightly bent. Hold. Repeat with the other leg. Calf Stretch Stand with feet shoulder-width apart. With right foot, take a large step forward into a lunge position. Bend the knee of front leg, and press the heel of back foot to the floor, keeping back leg straight. Do not bend front knee farther than the ankle. Feel a gentle stretch in the back of the extended leg. Hold. Repeat with the other leg. Bring the back foot in slightly and bend the back leg to stretch deeper inside the calf muscle. Hold. 	 Stork Stretch Stand and, if necessary, hold onto something (chair, table, wall) for balance. Lift right foot off floor and back. Graspright foot or shin with right hand and gently pull it towards buttocks. Tilt right hip forward slightly until a gentle stretch is felt in the front of the thigh. Keep knees together. Hold. Repeat with the other leg. Lunge and Reach Stand with legs wide apart, knees bent. Place hands on thighs. Slowly lunge to the side by bending one leg and straightening the other. Keep feet flat on the floor. Alternate sides. Leg Stretches Lie on back with legs bent, one foot flat on the floor. Grasp the other leg and gently pull the leg towards chest. Slowly try to straighten leg. Repeat with the other leg.

• Repeat with the other side.

Appendix D

RESOURCES FOR DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The following resources describe various kinds of activities that may be suitable for daily physical activity, such as fitness games, tag games, dances, and aerobic routines. For further information about any of these resources, teachers should consult the websites identified for them under "Ordering Information".

The inclusion of this resource list does not imply endorsement of the resources by the Ministry of Education.

Title	Author/ Organization	English/ French	Grade Level	Ordering Information
H&PE Curriculum Support Documents	Ophea	English	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8	Ophea Tel: (416) 426-7120 Fax: (416) 426-7373 E-mail: info@ophea.net Website: www.ophea.net
Ontario Safety Guidelines for Physical Education, Elementary Curricular	Ophea	English	Elementary	Ophea Tel: (416) 426-7120 Fax: (416) 426-7373 E-mail: info@ophea.net Website: www.ophea.net
activ8	Active Healthy Kids Canada	English and French	Kindergarten Grades 1–3 Grades 4–6 Grades 7–8	Ophea Tel: (416) 426-7120 Fax: (416) 426-7373 E-mail: info@ophea.net Website: www.ophea.net
Active Playgrounds	Author: Pat Doyle, 2005 CIRA Ontario	English and French		CIRA Ontario Tel: (905) 575-2083 Fax: (905) 575-2264 Website: http://www.ciraontario.com
Bang for Your Buck	CIRA Ontario	English	Grades K–8	CIRA Ontario Tel: (905) 575-2083 Fax: (905) 575-2264 Website: http://www.ciraontario.com
Canada Games Day	Author: Canada Games 2004	English and French	Grades K–8	CAHPERD Tel: (613) 523-1348 Fax: (613) 523-1206 Website: www.excelway.ca
Dances Even I Would Do!	Authors: Pat Doyle and Les Potapczyk CIRA Ontario	English	Grades 1–8	CIRA Ontario Tel: (905) 575-2083 Fax: (905) 575-2264 Website: http://www.ciraontario.com
Everybody Move! Daily Vigorous Physical Activity	CIRA Ontario	English	Elementary	CIRA Ontario Tel: (905) 575-2083 Fax: (905) 575-2264 Website: http://www.ciraontario.com
50 Games with 50 Tennis Balls	CIRA Ontario	English	Grades K–12	CIRA Ontario Tel: (905) 575-2083 Fax: (905) 575-2264 Website: http://www.ciraontario.com
Games for the Whole Child	Author: Brian Barrett, 2005	English	Grades K–8	CAHPERD Tel: (613) 523-1348 Fax: (613) 523-1206 Website: www.excelway.ca

Title	Author/ Organization	English/ French	Grade Level	Ordering Information
Great Gator Games	CIRA Ontario	English	Elementary	CIRA Ontario Tel: (905) 575-2083 Fax: (905) 575-2264 Website: http://www.ciraontario.com
Heart Healthy Kids: Daily In-Class Physical Activities for Grades K–6	Heart and Stroke Foundation	English	Grades K–6	Download resource at www.heartandstroke.ca
JUMP2BFIT	Author: Atec Marketing, 2002	English and French	Grades K–9	CAHPERD Tel: (613) 523-1348 Fax: (613) 523-1206 Website: www.excelway.ca
Jumping into the Curriculum™	Heart and Stroke Foundation	English	Grades K–3 Grades 4–6	Download resources at www.heartandstroke.ca
Junkyard Sports	Author: Bernie DeKoven, 2005	English	Grades K—12	CAHPERD Tel: (613) 523-1348 Fax: (613) 523-1206 Website: www.excelway.ca
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Moving to Inclusion	Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability	English and French	Elementary	Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability Tel: 1-800-331-9565 Website: www.ala.on.ca
Oodles of Noodles	CIRA Ontario	English	Grades 1–8	CIRA Ontario Tel: (905) 575-2083 Fax: (905) 575-2264 Website: http://www.ciraontario.com
PlaySport	Ophea	English	Grades 1–8	Download resource at www.playsport.net
6 Fit Kids' Workouts (DVD)	Author: Judy Howard	English	Junior/ Intermediate	CAHPERD Tel: (613) 523-1348 Fax: (613) 523-1206 Website: www.excelway.ca
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You're "It"! Tag, Tag and More Tag: Games for All Ages	Author: Pat Doyle CIRA Ontario	English	Grades 1–8	CIRA Ontario Tel: (905) 575-2083 Fax: (905) 575-2264 Website: http://www.ciraontario.com
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