

GRADE SEVEN

Students in grade seven continue to develop competence in modified versions of various games/sports, rhythmic, and recreational activities. They vary movement during dynamic and unpredictable game situations. Recreational pursuits become an additional curriculum option, broadening lifelong physical activity options. The ability to analyze skill performance through observing and understanding critical elements (small, isolated parts of the whole skill or movement) is increasingly apparent, as is the application of basic scientific principles of anatomical structures, movement principles, energy balance, and personal fitness. Students relate the importance of physical activity to health, focusing particularly on weight and stress management. Students understand strategies to achieve and maintain personal fitness standards and create plans by setting reasonable and appropriate goals for improvement or maintenance of health-related fitness. Students continue to develop social skills and cooperative behaviors by demonstrating problem solving, conflict resolution, communication skills, appropriate etiquette, integrity, and respect for others.

Motor Skill Development

- 7.1 The student will demonstrate competence and apply movement concepts in modified versions of various game/sport, rhythmic, dance, lifetime, and recreational activities.
- Demonstrate and apply developmentally appropriate movement forms and skill combinations competently in a variety of cooperative and tactical activities that include dynamic and unpredictable situations.
 - Demonstrate offensive and defensive strategies and tactics, including creating open space, skilled movement, speed, accuracy, and selection of appropriate skills/tactics to gain an offensive or defensive advantage through modified games/sports.
 - Demonstrate basic abilities and safety precautions in recreational pursuits (e.g., inline skating, orienteering, hiking, cycling, ropes courses, backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing).
 - Identify and demonstrate dance steps selected by the teacher or student in folk, social, multicultural, contemporary, and line dances.
 - Describe and demonstrate how movement is stabilized, including balance (center of gravity and center of support) and planes of motion.
 - Demonstrate the progression of learning (practice, self or peer assess, correct, practice at a higher level, and reassess) for a specific skill or movement.

Anatomical Basis of Movement

- 7.2 The student will understand and apply movement principles and concepts and knowledge of major body structures.
- Identify the “core muscles,” including pelvic, lower back, hips, gluteal muscles, and abdomen, and explain their role in stabilizing movement.
 - Apply biomechanical principles (e.g., center of gravity, base of support) to understand and perform skillful movements.
 - Describe the anatomical planes of motion in which movement occurs, including sagittal plane, frontal plane, and transverse plane.
 - Analyze skill patterns and movement performance of self and others, detecting and correcting mechanical errors for selected movements.
 - Apply knowledge of anatomy and joint types to accurately describe skill- and fitness-based movements, such as throwing/catching, striking, lunges and push-ups.

Fitness Planning

- 7.3 The student will apply concepts and principles of training and fitness-planning skills to improve physical fitness.
- Identify safe practices for improving physical fitness.
 - Complete a self-assessment of health-related fitness and develop a comprehensive personal fitness plan, including SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, timely) goals, an

action plan that incorporates the FITT (frequency, intensity, time, and type of exercise) principle and to meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, timeline, documentation of activities inside and outside school, roadblocks/barriers and solutions, midyear and end-of-year assessments, and reflection on progress for improving at least two self-selected components of health-related fitness.

- c) Identify and apply concepts of fitness improvement using various resources, including available technology, to evaluate, monitor, and record activities for a fitness plan.
- d) Calculate resting, activity, and recovery heart rate and describe its relationship to aerobic fitness.
- e) Describe the differences between aerobic and anaerobic activities and provide three examples of each.
- f) Explain the role of perseverance in achieving fitness goals.

Social and Emotional Development

7.4 The student will demonstrate and apply skills to work independently and with others in physical activity settings.

- a) Apply safety procedures, rules, and appropriate etiquette in physical activity settings by self-officiating modified physical activities/games.
- b) Create guidelines and demonstrate how to solve problems and resolve conflicts in activity settings.
- c) Explain the importance of cooperating with classmates, and demonstrate supportive behaviors that promote feelings of inclusion and safety of others.
- d) Describe and demonstrate strategies for dealing with stress, such as deep breathing, guided visualization, and aerobic exercise.
- e) Demonstrate effective communication skills by providing feedback to a peer, using appropriate tone, and other communication skills.
- f) Identify positive mental and emotional aspects of participating in a variety of physical activities.
- g) Describe how participation in physical activities creates enjoyment, reduces stress, and improves mental and emotional wellness.
- h) Identify specific safety concerns associated with at least one activity that includes rules, equipment, and etiquette.
- i) Identify and describe instances that do not support feelings of inclusion (e.g., marginalization).

Energy Balance

7.5 The student will describe rate of perceived exertion and nutrients (energy) needed for a variety of activities and explain the importance of sleep for energy balance.

- a) Explain the connection between an RPE scale and heart rate, and the body’s response to physical activity.
- b) Define and describe the anaerobic and aerobic energy systems.
- c) Identify the nutrients needed for optimal aerobic and anaerobic capacity and for muscle strength and endurance.
- d) Calculate resting heart rate (RHR) and describe its relationship to aerobic fitness and an RPE scale.
- e) Explain the effects of sleep on energy balance.