GRADE NINE

Students in grade nine complete the transition from modified versions of movement forms to more complex applications across all types of physical activities. This may include fitness activities, dance and rhythmic activities, aquatics, individual performance activities, and games and sports (net/wall, striking/fielding, and goal/target). Students demonstrate the ability to use basic skills, strategies, and tactics in a variety of lifetime physical activities. Students demonstrate more specialized knowledge in identifying and applying key movement concepts and principles. Students will explain the importance of energy balance and the nutritional needs of the body to maintain optimal health and prevent chronic disease. They self-assess their skill performance and develop a personal physical activities. They apply their understanding of personal fitness to lifelong participation in physical activity. Students demonstrate independence in making choices, respecting others, avoiding conflict, resolving conflicts appropriately, and using elements of fair play and ethical behavior in physical activity settings. Students demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to plan for and improve components of fitness and achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of personal fitness.

Motor Skill Development

- 9.1 The student will perform all basic movement skills and demonstrate movement and biomechanical principles in a variety of activities that may include outdoor pursuits, fitness activities, dance and rhythmic activities, aquatics, individual performance activities, and games and sports (net/wall, striking/fielding, and goal/target[s]).
 - a) Demonstrate proficiency and refinement in locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills through appropriate activities (e.g., orienteering, rock climbing, cycling, disc golf, lifetime activities, fitness activities, dance and rhythmic activities, aquatics, individual performance activities, games and sports [net/wall, striking/fielding, and goal/target]).
 - b) Design, implement, evaluate, and modify a practice plan for a self-selected skill, including the motor learning process of analysis of performance, application of principles of movement and training, goal setting, and improvement of personal skills through practice, correction, practicing at a higher level, and reassessment.

Essential Knowledge and Skills

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Motor skill development includes combining and applying movement and	In order to meet these standards, it is expected
manipulative skills to changing physical activity/game situations. (9.1.a)	that students will
• Proficiency and refinement include performance of all critical elements	demonstrate proficiency (all critical
required by the activity, exercise or dance.	elements) in a variety of activities (9.1.a);
 Activities may include small-sided modified games, modified 	• evaluate performance of a variety of
sports, and other physical activities (e.g., orienteering, rock	locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative
climbing, cycling, disc golf, lifetime activities, fitness activities,	skills using a skills checklist (9.1.a, 9.1.b);
dance and rhythmic activities, aquatics, individual performance	• analyze current performance for a variety of
activities, games and sports [net/wall, striking/fielding, and	locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative
goal/target]).	skills (9.1.a, 9.1.b);
• Critical elements may include proper grip/use of equipment, proper	• design, implement, evaluate, and modify a
form/body positioning, balance, coordination, adequate	practice plan for a self-selected skill using
speed/intensity of movement, opposition, footwork, and	SMART goal-setting methods (9.1.b);
passing/receiving skills.	• apply principles of movement and training to
• See K.1, 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 4.1 and 5.1 for specific critical elements for	a personal practice plan (9.1.b);
locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative skills.	• produce written and oral feedback on a
	variety of tasks/activities (9.1.b);
Movement/motor learning progression includes analysis of current	• identify activities needed for practice within
performance, development of a personalized practice plan for improvement	a personal fitness plan (9.1.b).
that includes SMART goal setting, application of principles of movement and	
training, and planning for amount of time and activities needed for practice,	Additional resources:
correction, practicing at a higher level, and reassessment. (9.1.b)	SHAPE America National Standards and Grade-
• Evaluation of performance can come from oneself, peers or a specialist	Level Outcomes
such as a coach or teacher and can include skills checklists, verbal or	OpenPhysed
written feedback, and formal analysis of task performance.	Health Smart Virginia
• Goal setting should take the form of SMART goal setting in order to be	PE Central
specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-sensitive.	Dynamic PE ASAP

Anatomical Basis of Movement

- 9.2 The student will explain the structures and functions of the body and how they relate to and are affected by human movement.
 - a) Analyze and evaluate proficient and efficient movement in relation to how movement is directed, including the type of muscle action that directs a movement (concentric, eccentric, and isometric), the direction the body part moves relative to its joints (abduction, adduction, flexion, and extension), and planes of motion.
 - b) Describe the relationship between the endocrine system and the body's metabolic response to short- and long-term physical activity.
 - c) Explain the body's response to the principles of specificity, overload, and progression (SOP) in relation to frequency, intensity, time, and type of exercise (FITT).
 - d) Explain the anaerobic respiration (ATP-PC and lactic acid system) and aerobic respiration systems used for energy during activity.
 - e) Analyze movement performance and use feedback to learn or to improve the movement skills of self and others.
 - f) Apply the concepts and principles of levers, force, motion, and rotation to a variety of activities.
 - g) Apply biomechanical principles of balance, energy, and types of muscle contractions to a variety of activities.

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When the body is moving or producing movement, it obeys the same physical	In order to meet these standards, it is expected
laws that apply to all types of motion. The type of muscle action and the	that students will
direction a body part moves in relation to its joints is important for proficient	• evaluate different types of muscle
and efficient movement. (9.2.a)	contractions (concentric, eccentric, and
• Muscle actions:	isometric) (9.2a);
• Concentric contraction (positive contraction): Contraction that	• evaluate planes of motion within
shortens the muscle as it acts against a resistive force (biceps curl:	different physical movements to identify
bicep muscles shorten as the weight is pulled toward the body).	proficient and efficient movement
• Eccentric contraction (negative contraction): Contraction that	(9.2.a);
lengthens the muscle as it produces force (lowering the weight	• demonstrate how the body moves
during biceps curl lengthens the bicep muscles as the weight is	relative to its joints while participating in
lowered back to a resting position; force is produced by the biceps	physical activities (9.2.a);

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to allow for a controlled return to a resting position as opposed to	• explain how types of muscle
allowing gravity to pull the weight down)	contractions and force are used to
- How much time is spent in each phase (concentric and	improve skills and performance (9.2.a);
eccentric contractions) will affect results. Concentrating on	• explain metabolism and the body's
eccentric contractions at higher weights is referred to as	metabolic response to exercise (9.2.b);
negative training.	• apply and explain how the body makes
- Isometric muscle contraction without appreciable shortening	energy to move in activity of short
or change in distance between its origin and insertion.	duration and activity of long duration
• Movement of body part in relation to its joints:	(9.2.b);
• Abduction: Muscle contraction without appreciable shortening or	• explain the body's response to the
change in distance between its origin and insertion.	principles of specificity, overload, and
• Adduction: Movement of a body part toward the median plane (of	progression (SOP) in relation to
the body, in the case of limbs; of the hand or foot, in the case of	frequency, intensity, time, and type of
digits).	exercise (FITT) (9.2.c);
• Flexion: Bending movement around a joint in a limb (such as knee	• explain the anaerobic respiration and
or elbow) that decreases the angle between the bones of the limb at	aerobic respiration systems used for
the joint.	energy during activity (9.2.d);
• Extension: An unbending movement around a joint in a limb that	• provide evidence of the use of feedback
increases the angle between the bones of the limb at the joint.	to learn or to improve the movement
Planes of motion	skills (9.2.e);
• Sagittal plane: Vertical plane passing from the rear (posterior) to	• demonstrate how to provide feedback to
the front (anterior), dividing the body into left and right halves. It	help others learn or improve movement
is also known as the anteroposterior plane. Most sport and exercise	skills (9.2.e);
movements that are almost two-dimensional, such as running, long	• analyze the performance of a peer and
jumping, biking and rowing, take place in this plane.	provide appropriate and meaningful
• Frontal plane: Vertical and passes from left to right, dividing the	feedback to help them learn or improve a
body into posterior and anterior halves (front and back). When	skill (9.2.e);

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moving along this plane, we are moving toward or away from the	demonstrate efficient body movements
midline. Adduction and abduction are movements along this plane.	along the correct planes of the body
\circ Transverse plane: Divides the body into top (superior) and bottom	(9.2.f);
(inferior) halves. Any time we rotate a joint we are moving along	• apply the concept of force, motion, and
the transverse plane.	rotation during a physical activity and
• Efficient movement can be exemplified by, but not limited to	explain its effect on performance (9.2.f);
 technique and fitness in running; 	• explain how levers, types of muscle
 quickness and effort in tennis; 	contractions, and force are used to
• speed and control in a golf swing.	improve skills and performance (9.2g);
• Analyzing movement example (9.2.a)	analyze movement performance and
• Tennis serve	identify anatomical movements around
Ball toss with non-dominant hand: concentric contraction of the	the planes of the body $(9.2g)$;
deltoid as the arm/ball is raised, abduction and flexion at the	• demonstrate the use of levers, force,
shoulder ball and socket joint; after ball is released: eccentric	motion, and rotation in a variety of
contraction of deltoid, adduction and extension of the shoulder	activities (9.1.f).
joint; motion occurs in the sagittal plane.	
 Racquet swing: occurs in the transverse plane (twisting motion); 	Additional resources:
involves hinge joints – knees and elbow, ball and socket joints –	SHAPE America National Standards and Grade-
hips and shoulders, condyloid synovial (also called ellipsoidal)	Level Outcomes
joint (modified ball and socket that allows for circular motion,	OPEN Online Physical Education Network
flexion, and extension) – wrist; abduction and adduction and	Health Smart Virginia
flexion and extension occur during joint movements for a tennis	PE Central
serve.	Dynamic PE ASAP
Multiple body systems are involved in producing energy during physical	KidsHealth.org
activity. The endocrine system consists of glands and organs. It uses	
hormones to control the body's metabolism. (9.2.b)	
• The endocrine system releases hormones into the bloodstream. This lets	

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	the	e hormones travel to cells in other parts of the body.	
•	Ho	ormones help control mood, growth and development, the way our	
	or	gans work, metabolism, and reproduction.	
•	Th	ne endocrine system includes multiple glands and organs.	
	0	Hypothalamus: located in the lower-central part of the brain; links	
		the endocrine system and nervous system; hypothalamus regulates	
		the pituitary gland	
	0	Pituitary: gland at the base of the brain; often called the "master	
		gland"	
	0	Thyroid: in the front part of the lower neck; releases hormones that	
		control the rate at which cells burn fuels from food to make energy	
	0	Parathyroids: four tiny glands attached to the thyroid; releases	
		hormone that controls the level of calcium in the blood.	
	0	Adrenals: on the kidneys	
	0	Adrenal cortex: releases hormones that help control salt and water	
		balance, the body's response to stress, metabolism, the immune	
		system, and sexual development and function	
	0	Adrenal medulla: releases epinephrine (aka adrenaline), which	
		increases blood pressure and heart rate when the body is under	
		stress	
	0	Pineal body/gland: in the middle of the brain; secretes melatonin	
		(hormone that helps regulate sleep)	
	0	Reproductive glands (ovaries, testes)	
	0	Pancreas: makes insulin and glucagon, hormones that control the	
		level of glucose (sugar) in the blood	
	0	Insulin helps keep the body supplied with stores of energy. The	
		body uses this stored energy for exercise and activity, and helps	

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organs function properly	
Metabolism is the breakdown of food (chemical reactions of the body cells)	
and its transformation into energy. (9.2.b)	
• Digestive system uses enzymes to break down proteins into amino	
acids, turn fats into fatty acids, and turn carbohydrates into simple	
sugars (glucose). The body uses sugar/glucose, amino acids, and fatty	
acids as energy sources. These compounds are absorbed into the blood,	
which carries them to the cells.	
• Metabolism consists of anabolism (the buildup of substances) and	
catabolism (the breakdown of substances).	
The intensity and duration of exercise determines which fuel source is used:	
(9.2b, 9.2.d)	
• Fat metabolism is a slow process and so can only be used as fuel for	
exercise at less than 60% VO2 max.	
• Carbohydrate is a much faster fuel source and so can be used for	
exercise up to 80% VO2 max (in trained individuals).	
• Carbohydrate stores within the muscle and liver can fuel exercise for up	
to 80 minutes. As carbohydrate stores lower, the body has to rely more	
and more on fat stores.	
Onset of exercise: breakdown of muscle glycogen stores to produce	
glucose for anaerobic glycolysis.	
• Blood flow to muscle is increased, allowing for increased uptake of	
glucose by muscle.	
• Exercising at about half the maximum aerobic capacity requires a 50/50	
mixture of glucose and free fatty acids, with amino acid oxidation still	

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supplying 1-2% of the energy.	
• Exercising at higher levels, about 75% of maximum aerobic capacity or	
greater, muscles become progressively more dependent on glucose	
oxidation rather than on fatty acid oxidation (National Center for	
Biotechnology Information).	
• Body stores calories (a calorie is a unit that measures how much energy	
a particular food provides to the body). Calories that are not used by the	
body for functions and through exercise are stored primarily as fat	
which can lead to overweight and obesity.	
A metabolic response is any reaction by the body to a specific influence or	
impact. Metabolism is a general term describing the organic process in any	
cellular structure. (9.2.b)	
• A metabolic response can occur with respect to individual cells, a	
gland, an organ, or a process such as the cardiovascular system.	
• Metabolism is often understood in terms of the metabolic rate, which is	
the amount of energy expended by the body in a given period.	
• Metabolism is also a variable in the assessment of human performance.	
• Metabolic function is subject to such individual factors as age, heredity,	
gender, level of physical fitness and others. The body may exhibit a	
metabolic response to any type of external factor or change.	
Changes in the physical intensity or duration of activity will generate a	
metabolic response. (9.2.b)	
• This response is particularly evident when assessing the nature of	
muscle composition in an athlete.	
• When an athlete seeks to improve endurance ability, the training	
program will correspondingly focus on endurance exercise.	

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• The muscle groups involved in the generation of power in the exercise,	
each with a set pattern of distribution between fast-twitch and slow-	
twitch fibers, will respond by making a slight adaptation in which more	
fast-twitch fibers are used for the muscle.	
The principles of overload specificity and progression are highly	
interconnected and are regime cally dependent on each other in order to see	
niterconnected and are recipiocally dependent on each other in order to see	
Specificity desired edention ecours in response to specific stress placed	
• Specificity: desired adaption occurs in response to specific stress placed upon the body (FITT)	
• Overload: stress must be applied beyond that which the body is	
accustomed to; increase workload (added weight, time (FITT), intensity	
(FITT), and/or repetitions (or how often FITT))	
• Progression: Once the body has adapted to a level of stress, additional	
stress is needed; progressively or gradually increase workload	
(frequency, intensity, and time can impact progression, FITT).	
To improve fitness or skill performance, the body must be overloaded in a safe	
and progressive manner. (9.2.c)	
Two respiration systems are used by the body for energy and the systems are	
dependent upon the duration of the activity. (9.2.d)	
• Anaerobic respiration system (ATP-PC and Lactic Acid System; works	
without oxygen; adenosine triphosphate [ATP – energy carrying	
molecule] and phosphocreatine [PC])	
• To immediately meet the sudden higher energy demand, stored ATP	
is the first energy source. This lasts for approximately 2 seconds.	

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0	The ATP-PC system can only last 8-10 seconds before PC stores are	
	depleted.	
0	The lactic acid system (anaerobic glycolysis) must then take over as	
	the predominant source of energy production; high intensity (but	
	sub-maximal) exercise can last for between 3 and 5 minutes using	
	this system.	
0	If the exercise continues at a high intensity, oxygen is not available	
	at a fast enough rate to allow aerobic metabolism to take over. The	
	production of lactic acid will reach the point where it interferes with	
	muscular function; this is called the lactate threshold.	
0	Muscles begin to fatigue when ATP resynthesizes can no longer	
	match demand.	
• Ae	erobic respiration system	
0	Also known as aerobic glycolysis: breakdown of carbohydrates to	
	produce ATP; slow, uses carbohydrates or fat (carbohydrates and	
	fats are only burned in presence of oxygen); needs oxygen to	
	produce ATP; sustained energy; longer-duration, lower-intensity	
	after anaerobic systems have fatigued; long-term steady paced	
	exercise and day-to-day activities; produced large amounts of	
	energy at the lowest intensity.	
Eaglbast-	is important to master advanced $drills (0.2 c)$	
Feedback	is important to master advanced skills. (9.2.e)	
• Fe	euback is useful when it is focused on the goal of the skill and is	
sp	echic, objective and provided in terms understood by the recipient of	
the	e teedback. Feedback is goal-referenced; tangible and transparent;	
ac	tionable; user-friendly (specific and personalized); timely; ongoing;	
an	d consistent.	

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• When analyzing movements, divide the movement performance into	
three phases:	
• Preparatory: Movements that prepare, such as a backswing in golf	
or tennis.	
• Execution:	
- Force-producing movements, such as the forward motion of the	
tennis forehand shot.	
- Critical instant, the point of contact or the release, such as the	
moment of contact in the tennis serve or the takeoff in the long	
jump.	
 Follow-through: Body movements after the execution where the 	
movement slows down, such as the high leg lift after kicking a goal	
or the golf club after the ball is struck.	
• Note: movement skill phases may not all fit neatly into three phases and	
additional phases may be devised or added.	
When the body is moving or producing movement, it obeys the same physical	
laws that apply to all types of motion. Biomechanics is the field of sports	
science that applies the laws of mechanics and physics to human performance	
to gain a greater understanding of forces and the effects of those forces on and	
within the human body, and therefore improve physical performance of a skill	
or activity. (9.2.f)	
• Levers – Consist of a pivot point (fulcrum), lever arm, and	
weight/resistance.	
• Example of lever in sport is the use of a tennis racket. The player's	
hand is the pivot point/fulcrum, the lever arm is the racket, and the	
resistance is the ball. The longer the racket, the more force you can	

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	exert on the ball.	
•	Force is strength or energy exerted; force causes movement.	
•	Newton's laws of motion	
	• Inertia: An object at rest or in motion will stay in that state until	
	acted upon by a force strong enough to change its state of motion.	
	Example:	
	 Tennis serve: tennis ball does not leave the hand unless force is 	
	applied to toss it upward; the tossed ball moves upward until	
	gravity (force) or a racquet strike (force) is applied to change	
	the direction of the tossed ball.	
	• Acceleration/Momentum: acceleration of an object is directly	
	proportionate to the amount of force applied and moves in the	
	direction in which the force is applied. Example:	
	 The speed of a served tennis ball will vary according to the 	
	amount of force applied to the ball with the racquet and	
	according to the weight of the ball (on a humid day, the ball	
	absorbs moisture and will need additional force to achieve the	
	desired speed/acceleration of a tennis ball compared with a	
	tennis ball used on a dry/low-humidity day). Professional tennis	
	players achieve service speeds of 120-150 mph.	
	• Action and reaction: For every action there is an equal and opposite	
	reaction. Example:	
	 Force that the ball exerts on the racket is equal and opposite of 	
	the force that the racket exerts on the ball.	
•	Rotation: the action or process of rotating on or as if on an axis or	
	center; a force must produce a torque to change the rotation of a body,	
	which changes its angular momentum. Example:	

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 Backspin on a tennis ball (strike below the center of the mass) keeps 	
the ball's trajectory low, tends to move the ball right to left and	
stays low when it bounces.	
• Topspin on a tennis ball (strike above the center of the mass;	
racquet moves from low to high; windshield wiper motion) rotates	
the ball forward in the air, increasing the speed of the ball and	
causing it to dip toward the ground. This decreases the distance	
traveled (hits the ground sooner) and increases its speed as it hits	
the ground, travels faster and low to the ground.	
Biomechanical principles of balance and strength are crucial to the	
performance of motor skills. (9.1.g)	
• Balance: an even distribution of weight that enables someone or	
something to remain upright while remaining stable and achieving	
equilibrium. The ability to maintain the body's center of gravity within	
the limits of stability as determined by the base of support. (9.2.g)	
• Center of gravity is the point at which all of the body's mass and	
weight are equally balanced or equally distributed in all directions	
(in the body it is slightly higher than the waist).	
• An individual's limits of stability is the distance outside their base	
of support that they can go without losing control of the center of	
gravity.	
• Base of support: The surface supporting the body and points of	
contact with that surface (when standing, the position of the feet on	
the ground).	
\circ The lower the center of gravity to the base of support, the greater	
the stability.	

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0	The nearer the center of gravity to the center of the base of support,	
	the more stable the body.	
0	Stability is increased with the number of points of contact (two feet	
	vs. one foot).	
0	Dynamic activities can also be described as those that cause the	
	center of gravity to move in response to muscular activity.	

Fitness Planning

- 9.3 The student will evaluate current fitness behaviors and demonstrate achievement and maintenance of a health-enhancing level of personal fitness by designing, implementing, self-assessing, and modifying a personal fitness program.
 - a) Demonstrate program-planning skills by assessing and analyzing personal fitness levels, setting goals, devising strategies, making timelines for a personal physical fitness plan, and evaluating the components and progress of the personal fitness plan.
 - b) Apply the FITT (frequency, intensity, time, type of exercise) principle and other principles of training, such as specificity, overload, and progression, in accordance with personal goals to the personal fitness plan.
 - c) Explain the characteristics, including scientific principles and concepts, of safe and appropriate muscular-stretching, muscular-strengthening, and cardiorespiratory exercise programs to improve the health-related components of fitness.
 - d) Calculate and explain the relationship between resting heart rate, target heart rate, recovery heart rate, blood pressure, training zones, and exercise intensity, including measurement devices (e.g., heart rate monitors, pedometers, accelerometers) to meet exercise and personal fitness goals.
 - e) Demonstrate appropriate techniques and describe the benefits of resistance-training activities, machines, and/or free weights.
 - f) Use the scientific process to analyze and compare resources, including available technology, to evaluate, monitor, and record activities for fitness improvement.
 - g) Identify types of strength exercises (isometric, concentric, eccentric) and stretching exercises (static, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation, dynamic) for personal fitness development (e.g., strength, endurance, range of motion).
 - h) Define and describe terms and activities associated with fitness, including *set*, *repetition*, *isometric*, *isotonic*, *isokinetic*, *core*, and *upper-body exercises* and *lower-body exercises*.
 - i) Apply physiological principles of warm-up, cool down, overload, specificity, and progression.

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Physical literacy includes the ability to plan, implement, evaluate, and modify	In order to meet these standards, it is expected
a personal, goal-driven fitness plan that enables students to achieve and	that students will
maintain the level of fitness needed to meet their personal goals for various	• evaluate personal fitness levels and analyze
work-related, sport, and leisure activities. (9.3.a)	the results to determine areas to
Health-related fitness components provide information about a person's	improve/maintain. (9.3a);

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overall physical health. (9.3.a)	create SMART personal fitness goals based
• Cardiorespiratory endurance: the ability of the cardiovascular system	on fitness assessment data results (9.3a);
(heart, blood, blood vessels) and respiratory system (lungs, air	• create and implement personal physical
passages) to deliver oxygen and other nutrients to the working muscles	fitness plans (9.3.a);
and to remove wastes. Tests that involve running (e.g., 20-meter	• apply FITT and SOP to personal physical
shuttle run test), cycling and swimming can be used to measure this	fitness plans (9.3.b);
fitness component. Activities vary in intensity level:	• explain the characteristics of safe and
• Light activities are physical activities that involve large muscle	appropriate muscular-stretching, muscular-
groups. While engaging in light activities, people begin to notice	strengthening, and cardiorespiratory
their breathing, but they can still talk fairly easily.	exercise programs (9.3.c);
• Moderate activities are physical activities that cause breathing and	• calculate resting heart rate, target heart rate,
heart rate to increase. People engaging in moderate activities can	recovery heart rate, and blood pressure
hear themselves breathe, but they can still talk.	(9.3.d);
• Vigorous activities are physical activities that cause breathing and	• explain the relationship between heart rate,
heart rate to increase to a higher level, making it difficult to talk.	training zones, and exercise intensity,
• Muscular strength is the ability of a muscle or a group of muscles to	including a variety of measures (9.3.d,f);
exert force for a brief period of time. Strength of different muscles can	• explain the effects of heart rate, training
be measured by having a person perform weightlifting exercises and	zones, and exercise intensity on meeting
determining the maximum amount of weight the person can lift. A	personal fitness goals (9.3d);
person's strength can be expressed as absolute strength (the actual	demonstrate appropriate techniques for
weight lifted) or as relative strength (the weight lifted, divided by the	resistance-training activities, machines,
person's body weight).	and/or free weights (9.3.e);
• Muscular endurance is the ability of a muscle or a group of muscles to	• understand how to use the scientific process
sustain repeated contractions or to continue applying force against a	to analyze my fitness improvement (9.3.1);
tixed object. Push-ups and curl-ups are often used to test muscular	• identify and demonstrate types of strength
endurance. The person's endurance is expressed as the number of	exercises and stretching exercises (9.3.g);
repetitions completed without stopping for a set period of time (often	define and describe terms and activities

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one minute).	associated with fitness (9.3.h);
• Flexibility is the ability to move joints through their full range of	• describe the physiological principles for
motion. The sit-and-reach test is a good measure of flexibility of the	warm-up, cool down, specificity, overload,
lower back and the backs of the upper legs (hamstrings). A person's	and progression. (9.3.i);
flexibility is usually expressed in how far a joint can be moved or the	• perform a proper warm-up and cool down
degrees through which a joint can be moved.	in the personal fitness plan (9.3.i);
• Body composition refers to the makeup of the body in terms of lean	 demonstrate specificity, overload, and
mass (muscle, bone, vital tissue and organs) and fat mass. Good body	progression (SOP) in the personal fitness
composition has strong bones, adequate skeletal muscle size, a strong	plan (9.3i).
heart, and a low amount of fat mass. Regular physical activity and	
exercise will help decrease body fat and increase or maintain muscle	Additional resources:
mass, increase bone mass and improve heart function. Although body	SHAPE America National Standards and Grade-
composition entails muscle, bone and fat, it is often expressed only as	Level Outcomes
percentage of body fat. Many types of tools can be used to assess body	KidsHealth.gov
composition, including skinfold calipers, bioelectrical impedance	Health Smart Virginia
analyzers (found in many weigh scales), body mass index (BMI),	MyPlate.gov
underwater weighing, and dual energy X-ray absorptiometry.	OpenPhysed
Improving in these four health-related fitness areas will increase lean	Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2nd
body mass (stronger bones and muscle) and decrease fat mass and	ed.
therefore significantly affect body composition. Improvements will also	Healthy Children.org
reduce risk of disease and improve work capacity.	
Personal fitness planning includes: (9.3.a)	
• assessing and analyzing personal fitness levels:	
 setting SMART goals for improvement and/or maintenance; 	
 creating strategies to achieve goals and monitor progress: 	
• plan for reassessing, evaluating, and reflecting on progress of goals;	

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revising plan strategies as needed;	
• applying FITT and SOP to plan.	
The principles of specificity, overload, and progression (SOP) are highly	
interconnected and are reciprocally dependent on one another. (9.3.b)	
• Specificity: desired adaption occurs in response to specific stress placed	
upon the body; exercise/activity needs to match desired outcome.	
• Overload: stress must be applied beyond that which the body is	
accustomed to; increase workload (added weight, time, intensity, and/or	
repetitions).	
• Progression: once the body has adapted to a level of stress, additional	
stress is needed; progressively or gradually increase workload.	
The FITT principles for improvement of personal fitness are important when	
developing a personal fitness plan. (9.3.b)	
FITT principle	
• Frequency: How often; commonly measured in days per week. For	
each component of health-related fitness, a safe frequency is three	
to five times a week.	
• Intensity: How hard; commonly measured in intensity levels.	
Intensity can be measured in different ways, depending on the	
connected health-related component. For example, monitoring heart	
rate is one way to gauge intensity during aerobic endurance	
activities.	
• Time: How long; commonly measured in minutes/hours. Time	
varies depending on the health-related fitness component targeted.	
For example, flexibility or stretching may take 10-30 seconds for	
each stretch, while the minimum time for performing aerobic	
activity is 15 minutes of continuous activity.	

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• Type: What kind; measured in specific health-related component of	
fitness.	
For example, an individual wishing to increase arm strength must	
exercise the triceps and biceps, while an individual wishing to	
increase aerobic endurance needs to jog, run, swim, or perform	
some other aerobically challenging activity.	
• Personal fitness planning includes: (9.3.b)	
 assessing and analyzing personal fitness levels; 	
 setting SMART goals for improvement and/or maintenance; 	
 creating strategies to achieve goals and monitor progress; 	
\circ plan for reassessing, evaluating, and reflecting on progress of goals;	
 revising plan strategies as needed; 	
 applying the FITT and SOP principles to plan. 	
Muscular-stretching raises the body's internal temperature through light	
physical activity before engaging in activity. (9.3.c)	
• Active stretch: the person stretching applies the force of the stretch	
• Passive: resistance by a chair, towel, machine or a partner provides the	
force of the stretch; carries some risk	
• Static: slow and constant with end position held; caution is exercised	
with proper technique	
• Ballistic: bouncing-type movement; not recommended for health-	
related fitness	
Dynamic: flexibility during sport-specific movements; avoids	
bouncing, such as a track sprinter performing long walking strides for a	
warmup focused on hip extension.	
• Reflex-assisted: such as plyometric; higher injury risk, not	

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recommended for health-related fitness.	
• Proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation (PNF): Technique that	
combines passive and isometric stretching; a muscle group is passively	
stretched, then contracts isometrically against resistance while in the	
stretched position and then is passively stretched again through the	
resulting increased range of motion; use of a partner to provide	
resistance against the isometric contraction and then later to passively	
take the joint through its increased range of motion. May be done	
without a partner, such as using a towel; muscles need to be warmed up	
first.	
Muscular strengthening and cardiorespiratory exercises are important when	
improving overall fitness. (9.3.c)	
Muscular strengthening	
• Training or resistance training: systematic program of exercises	
designed to increase an individual's ability to resist or exert force.	
(9.3e,g)	
• Free weights, weight machines, resistance bands, plyometric	
exercise, callisthenic exercises, Pilates, yoga, martial arts, circuit	
training (large muscles before small muscles, alternate push and	
pull, alternate upper body and lower body), pyramid training and	
negative training.	
• Safety: clothing, footwear, equipment, spotters, technique.	
Cardiorespiratory exercise	
 FITT principle; heart rate: VO2max; RPE 	
• Recovery time between workouts should include sufficient rest,	
rehydration, and restoring fuel sources.	

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0	Long, slow-distance training: About 80% of maximum heart rate	
	(70% VO2max); the person is able to talk and exercise without	
	respiratory distress.	
0	Pace/tempo training: steady or threshold training for 20-30	
	minutes; intermittent pace/tempo training - intensity is same as	
	steady threshold but shorter intervals of time with brief recovery	
	periods.	
0	Interval training: Intensity close to VO2max; workout intervals	
	between 3 and 5 minutes; rest intervals at equal/equivalent time;	
	stressful and should be performed sparingly; benefits increased	
	VO2max and anaerobic metabolism	
Personal fi • Hea the is a exe • Tra RPI o	 tness goals may be evaluated using a variety of measures. (9.3.d) art rate is most frequently used for gauging exercise intensity due to relationship between heart rate and oxygen consumption (VO2max measure of the body's ability to extract and use oxygen during rcise). ining zones may be characterized by the level of intensity (using a E scale) or percentage of maximal heart rate range. Perceived exertion is how hard a person feels like their body is working. Rate of perceived exertion (RPE) is a way of measuring physical activity intensity level. Scales may range from five to 20 levels. Example (variation of Borg scale): Level 1 – Very light activity (seated) Level 2 – Light activity (can maintain for hours, easy to breathe, walking) Level 3 – Moderate activity (breathing heavily, somewhat 	

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comfortable; skipping, galloping)	
 Level 4 – Vigorous activity (borderline uncomfortable, short of 	
breath; jogging/running)	
 Level 5 – Very hard activity (difficult to maintain exercise 	
intensity, barely breathe, running/sprinting)	
 Level 6 – Max effort activity (almost impossible to keep going, 	
out of breath, sprinting)	
Measures	
• Heart rate monitors (two types): wireless chest/arm straps that use	
an electrical pulse to read heart rate (tend to be more accurate) and	
wrist-based/headphones trackers that use optical technology (light).	
Both can send continuous data to a monitor (watch/phone). Other	
heart rate monitors and technology may be available.	
• Pedometers: tracks steps taken by indicating each time the wearer's	
hips move; some models can track foot movement via a GPS	
tracker or built-in sensors on your phone.	
• Accelerometers: measure acceleration; able to capture intensity of	
physical activity; able to distinguish between walking and running;	
can separate human movement from mechanical vibration such as	
riding in a car (9.3.d).	
Heart rate and blood pressure are indicators of cardiovascular fitness. (9.3.a,	
9.3.d)	
• Resting heart rate: Best taken after 10 minutes of rest. To check pulse at	
the wrist, place two fingers between the bone and the tendon over the	
radial artery, which is located on the thumb side of the wrist. When	
pulse is felt, count the number of beats in 15 seconds. Multiply this	

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number by four to calculate beats per minute. Resting heart rate	
normally ranges from 60-100 beats/min. In general, resting heart rate is	
an indication of efficient heart function and better cardiovascular	
fitness. A trained athlete may have a resting heart rate closer to 40.	
• Target heart rates: active heart rate can be taken at multiple points	
during activity and include being taken immediately after stopping	
activity. Help to determine appropriate intensity levels for exercise. By	
keeping the target heart rate in check, a person is able to avoid under or	
over training and able to avoid overexertion. Exercise programs may be	
characterized by the level of intensity or percentage of maximal heart	
rate range (maximum heart rate is 220 minus a person's age). (Target	
Heart Rate Zone information [https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-	
living/fitness/fitness-basics/target-heart-rates]) Some drugs and	
medications or medical conditions may affect heart rate, resulting in	
having a lower maximum heart rate and target zone. Health care	
provider should be consulted.	
• Recovery heart rate: Recovery heart rate is the decrease in heart rate	
that occurs one minute after maximal exercise. Faster decreases in heart	
rate are associated with higher levels of fitness.	
• Blood pressure: measure of the force of blood pushing against blood	
vessel walls; high blood pressure indicates that the heart is working	
harder to get blood out to the body; normal is less than 120/80;	
measured with a blood pressure cuff (sphygmomanometer) – a rubber	
cuff and a gauge. Works by inflating a cuff around the upper arm to	
temporarily stop the flow of blood in an artery. As air is slowly released	
from the cuff, the device records the pressure at which blood begins to	
flow again. Blood pressure is recorded as two measurements:	

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\circ The first number is the systolic pressure. Systolic pressure	
represents the peak blood pressure that occurs when the heart	
contracts.	
\circ The second number is the diastolic pressure. Diastolic pressure	
represents the lowest blood pressure that occurs when the heart	
relaxes between beats.	
• Note: Teachers may want to connect with their school nurses,	
public health nurses or nurse training programs in their school or in	
their area to support instruction of blood pressure.	
Appropriate techniques for resistance-training activities, machines, and/or free weights will be determined by activities selected. Focus should be on proper ergonomics/body positioning, equipment-related safety, and skill/capacity of individual students. Note; teachers may need to set appropriate weight limits. (9.3.e) It is important to use the scientific process to evaluate resources and technology in the fitness industry. (9.3.f)	
 A variety of strength and stretching exercises can improve/maintain fitness levels. (9.3.g) Appropriate techniques for resistance-training activities are crucial to avoid injury and improve fitness levels. Activities, whether using resistance bands, free weights, apps or media (videos) should match student interest, fitness level, activity level, and experience and should provide student choice; caution should be exercised when implementing any new techniques. 	

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There is a wide range of terms and activities associated with fitness. (9.3.h)		
Examples include, but are not limited to:		
• Set: a group of consecut	tive reps for any exercise.	
• <i>Repetition (rep)</i> : One co	ompletion of an activity or exercise	
• Isometric: muscle contr	action in which the muscles length does not	
change		
• Isotonic: muscle contra	ction in which the muscles length does change	
• Isokinetic: muscular con	ntraction in the absence of significant resistance,	
with marked shortening	of muscle fibers and without great increase in	
muscle tone.		
• <i>Core</i> : refers to muscles	that are the central part of the body; muscles of	
the upper and lower tor	so, around the spine and pelvic muscles (back,	
side, pelvic and buttock	muscles); includes the rectus abdominis,	
transversus abdominis,	obliques, trapezius, latissimus dorsi, spinal	
erector, gluteus maximu	is, pectoralis major and deltoid; provide	
stability, able to flex, sig	de bend and rotate the trunk; protect abdominal	
organs.		
• Upper-body exercises the	rain the following muscle groups to some degree	
– chest, back, shoulders	, biceps, triceps.	
• Lower-body exercises t	rain the following muscle groups to some	
degree – quadriceps, ha	mstrings, calves, lower back, abdominals.	
Warming up and cooling down may help reduce risk of injury and improve		
athletic performance. (9.3.i)		
Warm-up: pumps nutrie	ent-rich, oxygenated blood to muscles as it	
speeds up heart rate and	breathing and raising body temperature,	
preparing the body for a	activity. A good warm-up should last five to 10	
minutes and work all m	ajor muscle groups; start activity/exercise	

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slowly, then pick up the pace. Warming up may help reduce muscle	
soreness and risk of injury.	
• Cool down: after a workout, five to 10 minutes cooling down through a	
sequence of slow movements; helps prevent muscle cramps and	
dizziness while gradually slowing breathing and heart rate; gradual	
recovery of pre-exercise heart rate and blood pressure.	
Improvements in performance depend upon the training principles of	
specificity, overload, and progression (SOP). (9.3.i)	
• Specificity: desired adaption occurs in response to specific stress placed	
upon the body; exercise/activity needs to match desired outcome	
• Overload: stress must be applied beyond that which the body is	
accustomed to; increase workload (added weight, time, intensity, and/or	
repetitions)	
• Progression: once the body has adapted to a level of stress, additional	
stress is needed; progressively or gradually increase workload	

Social and Emotional Development

- 9.4 The student will explain and demonstrate the skills needed to be safe, responsible, and respectful in all physical activity settings.
 - a) Identify and demonstrate proper etiquette, respect for the differences of others, integrity, safety and teamwork while engaging in a variety of activities.
 - b) Explain the effects of sports and activities in developing respect for the unique characteristics, differences and abilities of peers.
 - c) Apply conflict-resolution skills in physical activity settings.
 - d) Identify an opportunity for social support in a self-selected physical activity.
 - e) Apply communication skills and strategies that promote positive team/group dynamics.
 - f) Apply problem-solving and critical-thinking skills in physical activity settings, both as an individual and in groups.
 - g) Apply best practices for participating safely in physical activity, exercise, and dance (e.g., injury prevention, proper alignment, hydration, use of equipment, implementation of rules, sun protection).
 - h) Analyze and compare psychological benefits derived from various physical activities (e.g., decreased stress and anxiety, increased self-esteem, increased mental alertness, improved mood).
 - Develop and analyze activities to determine areas of exclusion and inclusion. i)

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Social and emotional development and teamwork skills include respecting the	In order to meet these standards, it is expected
rights and feeling of others while being sensitive and responsive to the well-	that students will
being of everyone involved. (9.4.a)	describe and demonstrate leadership
• Leadership skills that contribute to teamwork include integrity, open	skills that contribute to teamwork while
and honest communication, active listening, empathy, trustworthiness,	participating in a variety of physical
flexibility, relationship building, and respect for the differences and	activities, exercise and dance (9.4.a);
safety of others.	• create a list explaining proper etiquette
• Etiquette is the proper and acceptable action, behavior, or conduct	for the PE setting (9.4.a);
within an activity or setting.	• explain how participation in sports,
• Integrity is often linked to sportsmanship within physical education	dance, and physical activities can build
activities and involves doing the "right thing" even when no one else is	an individual's character (9.4.b);

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watching.	apply appropriate conflict-resolution
• Teamwork and leadership qualities are important outside the physical	skills in a variety of physical activity,
education classroom and often lead to opportunities to further	exercise and dance settings (9.4.c);
demonstrate maturity and responsibility.	• demonstrate social support of classmates
	within the PE setting by regularly
Accepting others' ideas, cultural diversity, and body types is important to	encouraging and motivating peers
building a diverse community, team, or group. (9.4.b)	(9.4.d);
 Sharing ideas and respecting others leads to a more inclusive 	 demonstrate leadership and
environment with positive group dynamics.	communication skills/strategies during a
• Modifying activities, rules, or equipment may be necessary to improve	variety of physical activity, exercise and
success rate and build skill for all individuals within a group or team.	dance (9.4.e);
	• apply problem-solving and critical-
Conflict is normal and inevitable, occurring in various settings throughout life	thinking skills to complete
experiences, and requires intentional positive resolution strategies. (9.4.c)	cooperative/team-building activities
Conflict resolution skills include:	(9.4.f);
 Discuss problem without blame. 	• analyze an activity, exercise or dance
• Active listening.	and create rules to promote safety for all
 Identify and clarify issues and needs. 	participants (9.4.g);
 Brainstorm solutions and compromises. 	• analyze and compare social, emotional,
• Choose and apply a solution.	and mental benefits derived from
\circ Evaluate the solution (9.4.c, 9.4.f).	physical activities, exercise, and dance
Nonproductive/nonconstructive methods of handling conflict include	(9.4.h);
criticism of others, blaming others, hurtful words, and/or hurtful	• modify the rules, equipment, or
actions. (9.4.c)	strategies/procedures of a selected
	activity, exercise, or dance in order to
Physical activities, exercise and dance can provide social supports by meeting	promote inclusion and positive group
new people, engaging in similar interests with others, building collaboration	dynamics (9.4.i).

 and cooperation, and improving community wellness. (9.4.d) Supporting others and being encouraged by others serves as a positive influence on self-efficacy and social/emotional wellness for both parties. (9.4.d) Communication skills/strategies are key to all social interactions, including physical activities, exercise, and dance. (9.4.e) Methods of communication include: Verbal: sharing of information/relaying a message between two or more people that uses sounds, signs, and/or language; either oral or written; spoken word; either face-to-face or electronically. Nonverbal: sending and receiving wordless messages; body movements/body language, such as facial expressions, body posture, gestures, eye contact, way, tone of voice, touch. Visual: visual aids such as signs, graphics, drawings, design, color, graphs, charts. Active listening: pay attention to the speaker; avoid being distracted; show you are listening, smile, nod; provide feedback – restate what you heard, ask questions; defer judgment – don't interrupt; respond with respect.
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with respect.
Effective participation in physical activity, exercise, and dance requires
critical thinking, both as an individual and within a group. (9.4.f)
 Critical-thinking skills allow someone to make logical and informed
decisions to the best of their ability and is the intentional application
of higher-order thinking.
Skills include observation, analysis, interpretation, inference, self-

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regulation, open-mindedness, reflection, evaluation, explanation,		
decision making, and problem-solving.		
Knowledge and understanding of the environment, participant skill		
level/ability, and level of conditioning is key to planning a safe activity,		
exercise, or dance session. (9.4.g)		
• Maintaining safe environments, adequate physical conditioning, proper		
body alignment/form, and following rules and procedures helps reduce		
injury during activity, exercise, and dance.		
• During very hot and humid weather, lessen the chances of dehydration		
and heat stress by		
• Exercising at a cooler time of the day.		
 Switching to indoor activities. 		
 Changing the type or intensity of activity. 		
• Providing adequate fluids, rest breaks, and shade as needed.		
• Use proper protection for sun exposure such as sunscreen, hat, clothing		
that protects from UV rays, and sunglasses.		
• Appropriate and properly fitted equipment for an activity may range		
from general items of clothing or footwear to special protective suits or		
apparatus, such as a mouth guard or shin guards.		
• Seek training and coaching for activities that involve advanced skills.		
Physical activity and exercise can positively affect mental health, decrease		
stress, improve mood, and make individuals feel more connected to their		
community. (9.4.d, 9.4.h)		
Selection and participation in physical activities, exercise, and dance that one		
enjoys helps promote social, emotional, and mental wellness. (9.4.h)		

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Social and emotional benefits/supports of participation in physical	
activities may include:	
• Improved mental health and mood.	
 Reduced risk of depression and anxiety. 	
 Development of higher self-esteem and body image. 	
 Development of basic motor skills needed for day-to-day life. 	
• Effective promotion of mutual understanding and empathy.	
• Growth of character and social skills like teamwork, cooperation	
and leadership.	
• Ability to handle winning and losing while being a good sport.	
 Development of resiliency. 	
A supportive, inclusive environment includes access to learning and the	
curriculum with the best approach to ensure learning physically, socially, and	
emotionally. This could include: speed of play, differentiated instruction,	
autonomy supported instruction, demonstrations, use of tools/modified	
equipment, peer/partner opportunities, etc. (9.4.i)	
• Modifying activities, rules, or equipment may be necessary to improve	
the success rate and build skill for all individuals within a group or	
team.	

Energy Balance

- 9.5 The student will explain the importance of energy balance and evaluate current caloric intake and caloric expenditure to maintain optimal health and prevent chronic disease.
 - a) Explain the body's physiological response to sugar, sodium, and fat.
 - b) Assess and analyze current energy balance, including intake and expenditure, activity levels, food choices, and amount of sleep.

- c) Explain body composition, using body mass index (BMI) and other measures, the variety of body types, and healthy body weight.
- d) Design and implement a plan to maintain an appropriate energy balance for a healthy, active lifestyle, including a balanced intake, expenditure (levels of intensity), and sleep.

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The body needs sugar, sodium, and fat in appropriate quantities to function	In order to meet these standards, it is expected
properly. (9.5.a)	that students will
• Sugar is a carbohydrate; the body processes table sugar (empty calories)	• explain the body's physiological response
and sugar in fruit (nutrients, fiber, lower calories) the same way. Sugar	to sugar, sodium, and fat (9.5.a);
digestion begins in the mouth, but most occurs in the small intestine,	• maintain a food log, exercise log, and sleep
where enzymes break sugar down to monosaccharides that are carried	log in order to assess and analyze current
to the liver where it is converted to glucose. Glucose is used for energy	energy balance, including sleep
or stored for later use. Glucose is an important and necessary fuel for	requirements (9.5.b);
the body; the liver and kidneys produce it naturally. The hormone	• explain body composition, measurement of
insulin is released from cells located in the pancreas and regulates how	body composition, body types, and healthy
much sugar circulates in the bloodstream. Insulin speeds up the transfer	body weight (9.5.c);
of sugar from blood and delivers it to muscle, liver, and fat tissues to be	• differentiate between body composition and
used as fuel or stored for the body to use later. If a person does not have	body weight, and explain the correlation
enough insulin, sugar accumulates in the bloodstream and a person has	between the two measurements (9.5.c);
diabetes. If not burned, excess sugar turns to fat, which is difficult to	• design and implement a personalized
burn off because it takes a lot of energy.	nutrition, exercise, and sleep plan to
• Sodium, found in salt, is an electrolyte. Kidneys maintain the balance of	maintain an appropriate energy balance and
electrolytes and water by regulating the fluids that are taken in and	promote wellness (9.5.d).
passed out of the body. If this balance is disturbed, muscles, nerves, and	
organs won't function correctly because the cells can't generate muscle	Additional resources:
contractions and nerve impulses. Too little salt results in hyponatremia,	SHAPE America National Standards and Grade-
which can happen when a person sweats excessively. Too much sodium	Level Outcomes

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results in hypernatremia; blood volume can increase, making the heart	OpenPhysed
pump harder and is linked to high blood pressure. Dietary guidelines	Health Smart Virginia
recommend less than 2,300 milligrams of sodium per day (less than half	PE Central
a teaspoon).	KidsHealth.gov
• Fat transfers vitamins A, D, E, and K in the blood that are needed for	MyPlate.gov
growth and healthy skin. Fat takes longer to digest than carbohydrates	Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2nd
or proteins, which helps to satisfy hunger longer than other nutrients.	ed.
Foods high in fat are usually high in calories; consuming excess	American Heart Association
amounts of fats increases the risk of unhealthful weight gain and	
obesity. Fats take more energy to burn.	
The key to achieving and maintaining a healthy weight isn't about short-term	
dietary changes. It's about a lifestyle that includes healthy eating, regular	
physical activity, and balancing the calories you consume with the calories	
your body uses. (CDC) (9.5.b)	
Energy balance: includes food calories taken into the body through	
food and drink (energy in) and calories used for daily energy	
requirements (energy out). Daily energy requirements include the	
amount of energy required for body maintenance at rest, physical	
activity and movement, and for food digestion, absorption, and	
transport.	
• Physical activity guidelines: 60 minutes per day; weekly: 150 minutes	
of moderate-intensity aerobic activity, 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity	
aerobic activity, or an equivalent mix of the two each week.	
• Sleep: Teenagers should get eight to 10 hours of sleep each night.	
(CDC) (9.5.b)	

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Body composition is the ratio of body fat to lean body tissue, including muscle,	
bone, water, and connective tissue. (9.5.c)	
• There is not an ideal weight for everyone; weight ranges should take	
into account age, gender, height, body type, growth rate, metabolic rate,	
and activity level.	
• Body type is determined by heredity.	
 Mesomorph: characterized by low-to-medium percentage of body 	
fat, medium-to-large bone size and a large amount of muscle mass	
and size; muscular and broader shoulders	
• Endomorph: characterized by high percentage of body fat, large	
bone size, and a small amount of muscle mass and size; rounder and	
broader hips	
• Ectomorph: characterized by low percentage of body fat, small	
bones size, and a small amount of muscle mass and size; slender	
and tall	
• Body-composition measures vary widely in methodology and accuracy.	
(9.5.c)	
• Body mass index (BMI) is based on height and weight; a high BMI	
can be an indicator of high body fat percentage; it can be used to	
screen for weight categories that may lead to health problems but it	
is not diagnostic of abnormal levels of body fats or health of an	
individual (CDC)	
(http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/index.html).	
• Skinfold calipers: measure the thickness of subcutaneous fat at three	
or seven different sites on the body. Accuracy is determined by	
hydration levels and the competence/experience of measurer.	
 Body circumference measurements: may include neck, waist, and 	

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	hips. Does not account for body type differences.	
0	Bioelectrical impedance analysis: a person places their hands on a	
	device that runs a small current of electricity through the body for	
	about 20 seconds to gauge body composition. Accuracy depends	
	upon hydration levels and the sensitivity of the device.	
0	Underwater weighing: the most accurate method for measuring	
	body composition. Underwater weighing involves submerging a	
person in a tank of water and having them expel the air out of the		
lungs. This method is not easy to administer and can be very		
expensive. Error of underwater weighing is 2-2.5%.		
Creation a	and implementation of an energy balance plan requires an	
understand	ding of one's nutritional/energy needs, exercise/activity needs, and	
sleep requirements to ensure optimal health and wellness. (9.5.b, 9.5.d).		