



Schoharie Physical Education Department

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- **Absence Policy:**

New York State Commissioner's Regulations state that there may not be waivers or exemptions for physical education. "All pupils shall attend and participate. School district plans must indicate steps to be taken to insure that each pupil meets the requirement for participation in their physical education program."

If a student misses physical education class, it is their responsibility to contact their teacher to set up an appointment to make up missed work. An alternate learning activity related to the unit they are participating in is an appropriate option and can be agreed upon between the student and teacher (bulletin board or poster relating to their unit of study and lesson objectives that need to be made up, for example). They may also join another PE class during a free period or study hall. Any undocumented absence is considered a cut, and assessment and participation will be graded as a zero. Written Tests/ Projects/ Skill Assessments that are not made up within 5 weeks will be graded as a zero. Special circumstance will result in extra time to make up classes and will be considered on an individual basis. The lowest two grades for a student will be dropped when calculating a student's grade in physical education. The scores dropped may include up to 2 missed make up sessions/semester.

- **According to the School handbook an Excused Absence is:**

Personal illness, illness or death in family
Religious observance
Medical visits
Approved college visits
Military obligations
Absences approved in advance by the Principal, Superintendent, and the Commission of Education

- **Make up Classes will NOT be Allowed for the Following:**

Cutting class
Not prepared for class
Discipline
Receiving a zero for lack of participation