School Physical Activity Policy Assessment (S-PAPA)

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Background

The School Physical Activity Policy Assessment (S-PAPA) assesses physical activity policy related to physical education, recess, and other physical activity opportunities at elementary schools. It uses open-ended, dichotomous, multichotomous, and checklist formatting and has 7 background items and three modules: (a) Physical Education (40 items); (b) Recess (27 items), and (c) Other Before, During, and After School Programs (15 items). Test-retest results suggest SPAPA items are reliable and can be useful in assessing PA policies in elementary schools (Lounsbery et al., 2011). Total administration time for all three modules is approximately 23 minutes.

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SCHOOL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY POLICY ASSESSMENT	
Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.	
Would you like to receive the results of this study when they become available? _Yes _No	
DATE OF COMPLETION:	
RESPONDENT'S NAME:	
GENDER: female male	
PHONE NUMBER:	
SCHOOL NAME:	
ADDRESS :	
DISTRICT:	
EMAIL:	

IMPORTANT - Please Read - This instrument is meant to be an inventory of your school environment. If you do not know the answer to a question, please seek administrative or other appropriate advice to ensure complete and accurate information.

If you have any questions, please contact:

SECTION & BACKGROUND AND GENERAL OUESTIONS

	BECTION A. BACKGROUND AND GENERA	AL QUESTIONS		
1.	What is your current position at this school? (check one)			
[[1. Principal 3. Physical education specialist 5. Project Coordinator (name program) 	☐2. Assistan ☐4. Classroo 6. Other (p		
2.	How long have you worked in THIS position at this school	?yea	rs	
3. ∐K	What grade levels are taught at this school? (Check all the \Box 1 \Box 2 \Box 3 \Box 4	at apply.) []5	6	8
4. □ĸ	What grade levels receive physical education at this school	ol? (Check all that ap ☐5	oply.) □6 □7	
5.	How many students are enrolled in your school?	students		
6.	What percentage of students is eligible for free or reduced	l school meals in you	r school?	% of students
S	This question asks about facilities available for physical acti- paces to identify if the following facilities are typically availa hysical activity programs at your school. (Check all that ap	able for physical educ		
a. b. c. d. e. f. g.	Gymnasium Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria Blacktop Area Grassy Field (Football/Soccer) Playground Regular classroom for indoor physical education Trailers or mobile building for indoor physical education	Physical Education	n Before School	After School
МС	DULE 1. PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
For	mal Physical Education Policies	Yes	s No	Don't Know
8.	Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that requi schools to follow specific physical education standards or guidelines? (e.g., NASPE)			
9.	Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy that requires your physical education program to follow specific physical edu standards or guidelines? (e.g., NASPE)			
10.	Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that requi specific number of minutes per week or a specific number per week that students will have physical education?			
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Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy that requires a specific number of minutes per week or a specific number of days per week that students will have physical education?	Yes	No	Don't Know
Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that specifies the maximum student-to-teacher ratio for physical education?			
If <u>Yes</u> , what is the ratio?Students : <u>1_</u> Teacher			
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Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that requires elementary school physical education programs to test students' fitness levels?			
If <u>Yes</u> , what fitness test do you use? Local/District test President's Challenge FITNESSGRAM Other			
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18.	Is the grading policy for physical education the same as it is for other core subject areas?			
19.	Excluding teacher evaluations, does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that requires your <u>physical education program</u> to be evaluated annually?			
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Ger	eral Profile of School Physical Education			
21.	How many physical education classes <u>per week</u> do students recei	ve? (Provide the av	erage)	
22.	How many total minutes <u>per week</u> of physical education do studer minutes per week	nts receive? (Provid	e the average))
23.	What is the typical number of students in a physical education clas	s at your school? (F	rovide the ave	erage class size)
24.	What percentage of the physical education program is taught by: (Must add up to 100 ^o	%)	
	 % Certified Physical Education Teachers % Classroom Teachers % Instructional Aides % Other (Please specify)		
Pro	fessional Staff Development	Vac	Na	Den't Know
25.	Are physical education teachers required to attend staff development sessions at least once per year?	Yes	No	Don't Know
26.	How many hours of staff development do physical education teach specifically dedicated for physical education? (Provide the average hours per year		arly that are	
27.	Of those staff development sessions specifically allocated to physic what proportion of the time focuses SPECIFICALLY on the promo			
	 □ 0%-25% □ 25%-50% □ 50%-75% □ 75% 			
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28.	Does your school or school district provide financial support for physical education teacher's professional development? If <u>Yes</u> , which of the following expenses are covered? (Check all that apply) Registration for conferences Travel to conferences CEU registration Other	Yes	No	Don't Know
Phy	vsical Education Content, Curriculum, and Delivery			
29. a. b. c. d. e.	Are those who teach physical education provided with: Goals, objectives, and expected outcomes for their classes? A physical education curriculum? A chart describing the scope and sequence of instruction? Specific lesson plans or learning activities? Plans on how to assess or evaluate students?		Partially	Yes
30.	Are those who teach physical education required to use a specific curriculum? (e.g., SPARK, CATCH)	Yes	No	Don't Know
31. a. b. c.	In general, how frequently does physical education address each of the following categories? Physical/motor skill development Understanding movement concepts, principles, strategies, and tactics Expressive movement patterns (e.g., dance, creativity)	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
d.	Promoting active participation in physical activity			
e.	Physical fitness development			
f.	Responsible personal and social behavior development			
g.	Valuing physical activity for health benefits beyond physical education			

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		Rarely	Sometimes	Often		
32.	During physical education, how often are students required to do extra physical activity for disciplinary reasons (e.g., run laps for being late; do push-ups for off task or bad behavior)?					
33.	How often do classroom teachers/counselors withhold individual students from physical education to fulfill other academic requirements?					
34.	How often do classroom teachers withhold individual students from physical education for disciplinary reasons?					
35.	How often is the delivery of physical education compromised because of competing demands for physical education space (e.g., for pictures, assemblies)?					
36.	How many days during a semester are physical education classes ca available, assemblies, etc.)? (Provide the average.) days/semester	ancelled (e.	g., for inclemer	nt weather,	gym not	
37.	During inclement weather, is there a space for students to be physically active during physical education class time?	Yes	No	D	on't Know	
38.	38. Relative to other subject matter areas, the number of students in physical education class is typically: Similar Smaller Larger					
39.	Describe how the physical education program is evaluated. (Do no	ot include te	eacher evaluatio	ons)		
40.	What is the student-to-licensed teacher ratio in physical education cla Students: 1_Licensed Teacher	ass (not inc	luding teacher	aides)?		
Phy	sical Education Time Relative to Physical Activity.					
41.	What is the <u>scheduled</u> length of a typical physical education class per <u>scheduled</u> minutes	eriod?				
42.	Considering that scheduled time may be lost due to students' late arr in the physical education setting? (Provide the average.) <u>actual</u> minutes	rival, how m	any <u>actual</u> mir	nutes are s	tudents	

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- 43. Items 43a and 43b ask about the average actual minutes reported in Item 42. The sum of minutes for these items should equal the number of minutes reported in item 42.
- a. During a typical physical education class, think about how long **most** students are physically inactive such as while receiving instructions or waiting for a turn. Estimate the number of total minutes students are typically <u>lying down</u>, <u>sitting</u>, or standing. (Provide the average)
- b. During a typical physical education class, think about how long most students are physically active at least to the level of a moderately paced walk. Estimate the number of total minutes students are engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity. _____ minutes per class (Provide the average)

Exemptions

- 44. Does your school permit students to be exempt from physical education for **one grading period or longer** for the following reasons? (Check all that apply.)
 - No exemptions are permitted
 - Religious reasons
 - Long-term physical or medical disability
 - Cognitive disability
 - Behavioral disorder
 - Participation in community sports activities

Physical Education Teacher Duties

45.	15. In addition to teaching classes, what additional duties are unique to the physical education teacher? (These are duties required of the physical education teacher that other teachers do not do.) (Check all that apply.)				
	 None Bus duty Recess duty Lunch duty Playground duty before & after school Maintain facilities Other 				
Buc	dget	No.	Ne	Dere't Krew	
46.	Does your school have a budget allocation for physical education equipment and supplies?	Yes	No	Don't Know	
	If <u>Yes</u> , on average how much does the school spend on physical education equipment per year? \$				
		Not	Somewhat	Great Deal	

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47. How involved is the physical education teacher with budget decisions related to physical education?

	End.	Thank	You
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MODULE 2. RECESS

Formal	Recess	Policies

1.	Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that specifies the number of recess minutes per day students should receive?	Yes	No	Don't Know
	If <u>Yes</u> , how many minutes per day? minutes			
2.	Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy that specifies the number of recess minutes per day students should receive?			
	If <u>Yes</u> , how many minutes per day? minutes			
3.	Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy requiring that students be provided with organized activities during recess?			
4.	Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy requiring that students be provided with organized activities during recess?			
5.	Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy requiring recess supervisors to receive formalized training on playground supervision?			
6.	Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy requiring recess supervisors to receive formalized training on playground supervision?			
7.	Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that specifies a maximum student-to-supervisor ratio during recess?			
	If <u>Yes</u> , what is the ratio?Students : <u>1</u> Supervisor			
8.	Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy that specifies a maximum student-to-supervisor ratio during recess?			
	If <u>Yes</u> , what is the ratio?Students : <u>1</u> Supervisor			
9.	Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy requiring regular maintenance of playground facilities and equipment?			
10.	Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy requiring regular maintenance of playground facilities and equipment?			
Ger	eral School Profile of Recess	Vaa	No	Den't Know
11.	Does your school provide all students with scheduled recess daily?	Yes	No	Don't Know
12.	Not including lunch time recess, Primary Grades K-2on average how many recess set sessionsIntermediate Grades 3-5sessions	e <u>ssions</u> per day d	o individual stu	idents receive?
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13.	On average, how many total minutes per day does a student rece when students are eating and are not physically active)	eive recess? (Do n	ot include time fo	r lunch
	 Less than 15 minutes of recess per day 15 to 20 minutes of recess per day Over 21 minutes per day 			
		Rarely	Sometimes	Very Often
14.	How often do classroom teachers/counselors keep individual students from recess to fulfill academic requirements?			
	ess Supervision What is the student-to-supervisor ratio during recess?S	Studente : 1 Su	ponvisor	
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16.	Do recess supervisors regularly provide organized activities during recess? (e.g., walking or running programs)	Yes	No	Don't Know
17.	Are recess supervisors asked to encourage students to be physically active during recess?			
18.	Are rules for how to behave at recess posted for students and adults to see?			
19.	Are recess rules taught to the students?			
	If <u>Yes</u> , who teaches the rules to students? (Check all that apply. Classroom teacher Physical education teacher Other specialist Administration Other)		
-	ervisor Training/Credentialing			
20.	 Who supervises recess at your school? (Check all that apply.) Classroom Teachers Physical Education Teacher(s) Administrators 			
	 Paraprofessionals Hourly Wage Employees Volunteers 			
0.1		Yes	No	Don't Know
21.	Are recess supervisors required to receive formalized training on playground supervision?			
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Rec	ess Access			
22.	During favorable weather conditions, are students allowed to stay indoors during recess?	Yes	No	Don't Know
23.	During inclement weather, can students be physically active during recess?			
24.	Are teachers permitted to withhold scheduled recess from students for academic reasons?			
25.	Are teachers permitted to withhold recess from students for disciplinary reasons?			
Rec	ess Equipment			
		Yes	No	Don't Know
26.	Is there a separate annual equipment budget for recess equipment and supplies?			
	If <u>Yes</u> , how much? \$ per year			
27.	Is loose equipment (e.g., balls, jump ropes) available for children to play with during recess?			
	If <u>Yes</u> , who provides it? (Check all that apply) Individual Classroom Teachers Physical Education Teacher Central Office Recess Supervisors Individual Students Other			
			End	. Thank You.

MODULE 3. BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER SCHOOL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Formal Before, During, and After School Policies

- Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that encourages students to walk or bike to school?
- 2. Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy that encourages students to walk or bike to school?
- Does your <u>school district</u> have a written policy that requires all school personnel to receive professional development on the promotion of physical activity?
- 4. Does your <u>school</u> have a written policy that requires all school personnel to receive professional development on the promotion of physical activity?

Profile of Before, During, and After School Programs

- **NOTES**: <u>Intramurals</u> refer to organized sport competitions that are offered only to students who are enrolled in your school. <u>Interscholastic</u> sports refer to organized sport competitions in which your school competes against another school.
- 5. Please identify whether or not: (a) your school provides specific physical activity programs, (b) if a separate fee is required of students to participate in them, and (c) whether your school provides special transportation for these programs. In making your decisions, include school sponsored programs only. **Do not include programs that are provided by outside agencies.**

PROGRAM		OFFERED		FEE REQUIRED		TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED	
a.	Intramural Sports	🗌 Yes	🗌 No	🗌 Yes	🗌 No		
b.	Interscholastic Sports	🗌 Yes	🗌 No	🗌 Yes	🗌 No	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
C.	Physical Activity Clubs (e.g., running, dance)	🗌 Yes	🗌 No	Yes	🗌 No	Yes	🗌 No
d.	Special Activity Events (e.g., field days, Jump Rope for Heart)	🗌 Yes	🗌 No	🗌 Yes	🗌 No	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
6.	 If your school sponsors interscholastic sports, who may participate? (Choose one.) School has no interscholastic sports All students, without restriction Selected students only (restrictions by number, skill level or grade level); if so why? Other 						

Don't Know

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No

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7.	In addition to physical education classes and recess periods, do classes and recess periods, do classes and recess periods.	assroom teachers p	provide regular	physical		
	 activity breaks during the school day? (e.g., "Take 10" program) Yes, School Wide Yes, Individual Teachers No Don't Know 					
	If <u>Yes</u> , check which grade levels provide regular physical activity breaks? (Check all that apply.) K-2 3-5					
Tra	nsport to School					
8.	Does your school encourage walking or bicycling to school?	Yes	No	Don't Know		
9.	Are there bike racks or safe places for students to store bikes or other equipment related to active commuting to school?					
10.	Are crossing guards available for students who actively commute to school?					
Inte	gration of Physical Activity into Academic Curriculum	Mar	N			
11.	Does your <u>school</u> encourage classroom teachers to promote physical activity with their students?	Yes	No	Don't Know		
12.	Does your school recruit volunteers to help in physical education, recess, or before and after school physical activity programs?					
13.	Does your school have a written wellness policy that addresses physical activity?					
	If <u>Yes</u> , how well is the school wellness policy followed by your school? Not Followed Somewhat Followed Mostly Followed					
14.	Does your school have a wellness coordinator?	Yes	No	Don't Know		
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15.	Are the opportunities for students to participate in your school's physical activity programs communicated to parents/guardians?	Yes	No □	Don't Know
	If Yes, check all communication methods used. Materials distributed to families Available on school/district website Student handbook Student orientation Open House Newsletters Automated phone calls Electronic means (e.g., e-mail) Other			
			End.	Thank You.