**NJ State Legislation**

NJAHPERD's Advocacy Committee along with our [legislative consultant](https://instantloans24.net/instant-payday-loans-no-teletrack/), monitors legislation affecting our profession.  
  
**NJ Legislature https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/**  
Find Your Legislator **https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/#findLegislator**  
[Backyard Advocacy](https://custom.cvent.com/678017DBDE6B447BAFF295249803FAC9/files/Event/2133541e80ee40159446fa4bb4fadecb/6254606bced14107bd83495fc44d70dc.pdf) powerpoint  
 **K-6 Certification Bill S-858 (Turner/ Diegnan/Jasey/Caputo) - signed by Governor Murphy on 7/19/19**[**S858**](https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2018/Bills/S1000/858_R1.PDF) requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess an appropriate endorsement to the instructional certificate. The law includes a "grandfather" provision for teachers who hold an elementary instructional certificate prior to the effective date of this law.  
  
The law takes effect in the  2019-2020 school year.  
  
[NJAHPERD Position Paper](https://custom.cvent.com/678017DBDE6B447BAFF295249803FAC9/files/Event/2133541e80ee40159446fa4bb4fadecb/fcb0f49f209741dcb80321b50c570959.pdf)

**Recess Bill S847 (Turner, Diegnan/Jasey, Murphy)-signed by Governor Murphy on 8/10/18**  
 [**S847**](http://files.constantcontact.com/f8839796101/84ef28b0-460d-4d9b-8279-f689dbc76d3a.pdf) Requires school districts to provide daily recess period for students in grade **kindergarten through 5;** permits denial of recess for violation of code of student conduct but student must be provided restorative justice activities.

* The law is in effect for the **2019-2020\*** school year. \* As changed by the Attorney General from 2018-2019.
* A **minimum of 20 minutes** of daily recess is required.
* The recess period shall be held outdoors, if feasible.
* A student shall not be denied recess for any reason, except as a consequence of a violation of the district's code of student conduct, including a harassment, intimidation, or bullying investigation pursuant to P.L.2002, c.83 (C.18A:37-13 et seq.).
* If  a student is denied recess, the student shall be provided restorative justice activities during the recess period.
* A student may not be denied recess more than twice per week.
* A school district shall not be required to provide a recess period  on a school day in which the day is substantially shortened due to a  delayed opening or early dismissal.
* **The recess period shall not be used to meet the course requirements set forth in N.J.S.18A:35-5. (150 minute requirement for Health, Physical Education and Safety)**

[UPDATED NJDOE Memo/Recess](http://files.constantcontact.com/f8839796101/d9393014-d360-4e44-973b-c815eb144911.png) 9/10/2018 [NJDOE Memo/Recess](https://custom.cvent.com/678017DBDE6B447BAFF295249803FAC9/files/Event/2133541e80ee40159446fa4bb4fadecb/f0192106763e46879d00f0ce3108b68a.pdf)(original)

The recess period shall not be used to meet the course requirements set forth in [N.J.S.18A:35-5](https://www.njahperd.org/new/index.php/legislation/statutes-and-mandates)  
  
\*For purposes of this section, “restorative justice activities”  means activities designed to improve the socio-emotional and behavioral responses of students through the use of more appropriate, and less punitive, interventions thereby establishing a more supportive and inclusive school culture.

[Restorative justice and recess resources](https://www.njahperd.org/new/index.php/teacher-resources)

**A-2189/S-2092 (Lampitt, Downey, Danielsen/Ruiz, Corrado) signed by Governor Murphy on 8/10/18**Requires school districts to include instruction on consequences of distributing and soliciting sexually explicit images through electronic means as part of NJSLS in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

**Resources  
  
SHAPE America**[**Guide for Recess Policy**](http://www.shapeamerica.org/advocacy/upload/Guide-for-Recess-Policy.pdf)[**FitnessGram & SGOs What Every Health & PE Teacher Should Know**](https://www.njahperd.org/new/images/cmspdfs/fitnessgram_teacher_evaluation.pdf)**NJ Department of Education  
NJDOE K-8**[**Health & Physical Education Model Curriculum**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/modelcurriculum/peh/)**(SLOs, Rubrics & Activities/Assessments)  
NJDOE 9-12**[**Health & Physical Education Model Curriculum**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/modelcurriculum/peh/h912u1.shtml)**(SLOs, Rubrics & Activities/Assessments)**[**AchieveNJ**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/AchieveNJ/)[**HPE SGO Guidance Document**](https://custom.cvent.com/678017DBDE6B447BAFF295249803FAC9/files/event/ff5a2c83fa7744bcbb5e2ce5ad5f919d/12e2d48ac9c54ec38980a2f0b33c27fb.pdf)[**What do you need to know about developing SGOs?**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/AchieveNJ/teacher/objectives.shtml)[**2014-15 SGO Guidebook**](https://custom.cvent.com/678017DBDE6B447BAFF295249803FAC9/files/event/ff5a2c83fa7744bcbb5e2ce5ad5f919d/fbd50dcea1a74cf1aa5449906d767461.pdf)[**SGO FAQs**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/faq/faq_eval.shtml#sgo)[**NJ DOE Quality Health & PE Power Point Presentation**](https://www.njahperd.org/new/images/cmspdfs/shifting_gears.pdf)[**NJDOE SGO Exemplar**](http://www.state.nj.us/education/AchieveNJ/teacher/SGOExampleGrade6PE.pdf) **NJEA**[**Teacher Evaluation**](http://www.njea.org/issues-and-political-action/evaluation)