

Guidance for Cade's Law

NOTE: CORE DATA SCREEN 17 will refresh after January 1, 2015

For the purposes of Cade's Law, the following terms shall mean:

Team is defined as a group of two (2) or more students participating in a class, course, or grade level during the regular school day and school year as defined by the school's official start and ending dates or summer school;

School includes all Missouri public schools; and

Eligible student is defined as a student who is enrolled in a physical education class and does not have an exemption for taking the physical fitness assessment.

Although schools are encouraged to assess student fitness at each grade level, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will collect and report data on aerobic capacity, muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility for all eligible elementary students in grade five (5), middle school students in grade seven (7), and high school students in grade nine (9) who are enrolled in a physical education class for any part of the traditional school year as identified by each LEA's beginning and ending date or summer school. Schools will report this data beginning in the June 2015 reporting cycle. **SCHOOLS WILL REPORT FITNESS LEVELS FOR GRADES FIVE (5) AND NINE (9) FOR THE 2013-2104 SCHOOL YEAR JUST AS IN PAST YEARS.**

Schools should use FITNESSGRAM tools found on the [Presidential Youth FITNESS PROGRAM website](#).

Fitness assessments must be administered by a teacher certified in Physical Education by the state of Missouri.

LEAs shall use recommended protocols and ranges to ensure consistency and to measure the components of fitness for students, teams, and schools. Schools may access these resources and materials from the [Presidential Youth FITNESS PROGRAM](#) website. The Physical Educator Resource Guide includes fitness ranges as well as testing protocols.

Schools shall use the alternative assessment as recommended by the department for students with disabilities. [The Brockport Physical Fitness Test](#) is recommended.

Recognition

Individual, team and school-wide performance are recognized. A downloadable certificate will be made available for the 2014-2015 school year.

Schools are encouraged to recognize students and teams in meeting fitness goals using the following guidelines:

- Students scoring within the healthy range of a fitness area are determined to have met the standard for that area.
- When the average of a team score in a fitness area fits within a healthy range, that team is determined to have met the standard in that area.
- Ninety-five percent (95%) of eligible students in the reporting grade span must participate in each assessment for a school to be eligible for department recognition.
- When the average score of the students in a reporting grade fall within a fitness range, that school is determined to have met that fitness range for the grade level.
- For the 2014-2015 school year, schools in which twenty-five (25%) of eligible students have met three (3) of four (4) fitness ranges shall be recognized by the department. In subsequent years recognition is based on aggregated school fitness data reported to the department.

The department recognizes local education agencies when every school in the LEA meets the school recognition criteria during a school year.