

HB98

Public Secondary Schools; Satisfaction of Physical Education Requirements; Participation in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps



Bill Patron: Delegate W. Chad Green

WHAT THE BILL DOES:

Permits each local school board to accept participation in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) as fulfillment of any physical education requirement applicable to any interested and participating students in grades 9 through 12.

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT SCHOOL DIVISIONS?

School boards may adopt policies to accept participation in the JROTC classes as fulfillment of any physical education requirement applicable to students in grades 9 through 12.

School Divisions making this option available for students will need to evaluate PE and health standards to ensure any required components are addressed through other means for any courses that combine more than one set of Standards of Learning. In 9th grade, Health Standards of Learning and Physical Education Standards of Learning are combined into one course. In 10th grade, Health Standards of Learning, Physical Education Standards of Learning, and Driver Education Standards of Learning are combined into one course. To meet these diploma requirements, school divisions will need to consider offering a grade nine health or grade ten health and driver education as a separate semester course to fulfill graduation requirements. The decision to provide health education virtually is a local decision. Computer-based driver education programs are licensed by the [Department of Motor Vehicles](#).

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

- [Physical Education Standards of Learning](#)
- [Health Standards of Learning](#)
- [Driver Education Standards of Learning](#)
- [Code of Virginia: Physical and Health Education](#)
- [Code of Virginia: Driver Education](#)
- [Administrative Code: 8VAC20-320-10. Health Education Program](#)
- [Chapter 320. Regulations Governing Physical and Health Education](#)
- [Master Schedule Collection Supporting Documents](#)
- Information for each military branch JROTC program can be found at the following links:
 - [Army JROTC](#)
 - [Army JROTC Program of Instruction](#)
 - [Air Force JROTC](#)
 - [Air Force JROTC Program of Instruction/Curriculum Guide](#)
 - [Marine Corps JROTC](#)
 - [Marine Corps JROTC Program of Instruction](#)

- [Navy JROTC](#)
 - [Navy JROTC Curriculum Framework](#)

WHAT ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE RELEASED?

- VDOE will develop a one-pager FAQ to distribute to JROTC programs by August 1, 2024.
- Standards of Accreditation Guidance and Regulatory revisions will be made.

SCHOOL DIVISION NEXT STEPS:

School boards should review and determine whether to adopt policies to accept participation in the JROTC classes as fulfillment of any physical education requirements applicable to students in grades 9 through 12. Divisions may opt for virtual options to help fulfill the graduation requirements for health education.

If the school board determines to provide this opportunity for their students, school divisions will need to consider the following:

1. Determine if and which grades JROTC will be adopted for the substitution.
2. Refine and implement (or continue implementing) a pacing guide for a semester-long half-credit Health Education course for JROTC students for grade 9 and/or a health and driver education course for JROTC students in grade 10 using the approved [Health](#) and [Driver Education](#) Standards of Learning.
3. Ensure students meet the [Code of Virginia Standards of Quality requirements for health education](#) and the [SOA graduation requirements](#) for health education.
4. Offer a half-credit health education course or equivalent to meet the expectations of the [9th grade Health SOL](#) and a half-credit health and driver education course that meets the expectations of the [10th grade Health SOL](#) and the [Driver Education SOL](#). Divisions may offer health courses virtually based on local needs.
5. Amend the Master Schedule Collection at the local educational agency (LEA) level and update the division's Student Management System (SIS) to include SCED codes 8051 for Grade 9 Health education, 8057 for Grade 10 Health education, or 8201 for Grade 10 Health & Driver Education, and the corresponding health education and driver education teacher endorsement codes to effectively manage student transcripts.
6. Amend the student transcript to reflect the addition of the [half-credit Grade 9 SCED Code 8051 and half-credit Grade 10 Health SCED Code 8057 or Grade 10 Health & Driver Education SCED Code 8201](#).
7. Develop parent resources to communicate the requirements if this substitution is adopted and their student participates in JROTC instead of traditional PE.
8. Ensure the continued integrity of the existing JROTC programs. [The Department of Defense \(DoD\) Directive 5124.02; Chapter 102 of Title 10 United States Code; DoD Instruction 1205.13, May 21, 2021 Issuance; and §2031 Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps](#); establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, provides procedures for the organization, and administration of the JROTC program.

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