



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION SAFETY GUIDELINES

1.0 Rationale

District School Board Ontario North East is committed to encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle for all students. The Board is also committed to providing a safe environment for all staff, faculty, students, visitors and volunteers.

2.0 Definitions

3.0 Policy

District School Board Ontario North East at a minimum adheres to the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association's (OPHEA) Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines for all activities that have an associated safety guideline. These guidelines are available online at www.ophea.net.

Schools and school staff will follow the Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines when planning and supervising all physical education programs, events and excursions. The recommendations and requirements of the Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines apply to all employees, students and volunteers.

Administrators and teachers should be aware that in some cases, the Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines require activity supervisors to be properly trained or specifically certified. Board staff (teachers, administrators, etc.) who do not possess the proper qualifications are NOT permitted to supervise these activities.