Active kids learn better. When students get more time for health and physical education (HPE) they do better physically, mentally, and emotionally.

MARYLAND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SHAPE America Recommendations:
All children deserve the benefits of a well-rounded education which includes effective health and physical education provided by trained and certified teachers.

- 30 minutes of daily PE for elementary grade levels
- 45 minutes of daily PE for secondary school grade levels

84% of Maryland high school students did not attend PE class at all during an average school week.

DOES MARYLAND...

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TAKE ACTION: Any red “ ✗ ” above indicates an opportunity for improvement.

SPEAK OUT FOR HEALTH & PE

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) identifies school health and physical education (HPE) as part of a student’s well-rounded education, giving all HPE teachers an opportunity to elevate their program and gain support from their school and local community.

Stay informed. Get involved.

**PE + Health = Student Success**

Benefits of Health & Physical Education to Students
- Positive relationship with academic achievement and test scores
- Positive association with attention, concentration and on-task behavior
- Encourages lifetime healthy habits
- Strategy for reducing childhood obesity
- Reduces discipline referrals and participation in high-risk behaviors

SCHOOLS CAN INFLUENCE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

Nearly 92% of students that attended health education class believe it is important to their future health.

Findings from 2016 myCollegeOptions®/SHAPE America research study: National sample includes 132,096 high school students.

ACTIVE & HEALTHY STUDENTS ARE BETTER LEARNERS

Physical Fitness and Achievement Test Performance

![Graph showing increased fitness levels corresponding to higher test scores](image)

Average Composite of 20 Student Brains Taking the Same Test

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BRAIN AFTER SITTING QUIETLY

BRAIN AFTER 20 MINUTE WALK

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