

## **Frequently Asked Questions About the Physical Education K to 7 Integrated Resource Package (2006)**

### **1. Why was the Physical Education K to 7 (1995) Integrated Resource Package revised?**

The Physical Education IRP (1995) was revised in consultation with educators across the province in order to:

- Build on the success of the 1995 curriculum
- To make improvements as identified in the Curriculum Cycle Review and Report (2001)
- Provide more clarity regarding the intent of the Physical Education prescribed learning outcomes
- Provide a reduced number of learning outcomes
- Include suggested full-scale achievement indicators to support educators with school-based and classroom formative assessment
- Support school choice and flexibility over what physical activities are appropriate for students
- Support choice and flexibility for educators in planning their Physical Education K to 7 programs
- Provide greater support for generalist teachers within the Physical Education K to 7 IRP

### **2. How was the Physical Education K to 7 Response Draft developed?**

The Physical Education K to 7 Response Draft was developed in a series of four stages:

- **Stage One**  
In December 2003 the Ministry of Education partnered with a BC school district to conduct research and create a working draft of learning outcomes and achievement indicators.
- **Stage Two**  
In December 2004, a provincial Physical Education K to 7 Curriculum Review Team comprised of educators from across BC provided feedback and additional insights on the working draft.
- **Stage Three**  
From January to April 2005, the Ministry conducted further research and additional consultation with Physical Education partners and stakeholders.

- **Stage Four**  
Selected pilot teachers from across the province pilot tested the Physical Education K to 7 Response Draft from September to December 2005.  
During this time, the Ministry sought public feedback on the Response Draft. Based on public and pilot feedback, the Response Draft was further revised.
- **Stage Five**  
The Physical Education K to 7 Provincial Review team was reconvened to further contribute insights to the revision process as well as evaluate learning resources for the Physical Education K to 7 Grade Collections.
- **Stage Six**  
The finalized Physical Education K to 7 was reviewed and approved by a number of Ministry of Education committees. Ministerial Order was obtained.
- **Stage Seven**  
During the 2006/2007 school year, the Ministry of Education will facilitate Provincial Physical Education K to 7 IRP Train-the Trainer Orientation Sessions. Selected school districts will host regional training sessions throughout the province in order to disseminate support for educators and school communities in implementing the new content and format of the Physical Education K to 7 IRP (2006).

### **3. What is the difference between the Physical Education K to 7 Response Draft and the Physical Education K to 7 IRP created in 1995?**

Differences are:

- A reduction in the number of learning outcomes
- The addition of suggested full-scale achievement indicators that describe 4-levels of achievement related to each learning outcome (Emerging, Developing, Acquired Accomplished)
- An increased emphasis on the progressive development of non-locomotor, locomotor, and manipulative skills while using five activity categories as the vehicle for this development
- The curriculum organizer title *Personal and Social Responsibility* (in the 1995 IRP) has been changed to *Safety, Fair Play, and Leadership*

### **4. What curriculum features are provided in the final Physical Education K to 7 IRP (2006)?**

The Physical Education K to 7 IRP has been developed in accordance with the new format of BC Integrated Resource Packages (such as Science K to 7). The Physical Education K to 7 IRP includes the following curriculum features:

- Introduction
- Prescribed Learning Outcomes
- Key Elements (describe depth and breadth of the content addressed in each grade)
- Full-scale Achievement Indicators (4-column rubrics describing what student achievement could look like in relation to each prescribed learning outcome)
- Movement Skills for all Grades – Optional Extensions
- Information on Recommended Learning Resources
- Classroom Assessment Models for Each Grade
- Glossary

**5. How can copies of the Physical Education K to 7 Integrated Resource Package be obtained?**

- The Physical Education K to 7 Integrated Resource Package is available as a full K to 7 document as well as in grade specific packages. The full document and the grade specific packages can be obtained in the following ways:
  - View and/or download from the Ministry of Education IRP website:  
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp.htm>
  - A full document as well as grade specific packages (for each grade from Kindergarten to grade seven) has been distributed to all schools in the province that teach these grades. Additional copies can be ordered from:

Government Publication Services  
563 Superior Street  
Victoria BC V8W 9V7  
Phone: (250) 387-6409 Fax: (250) 387-1120  
Toll free: 1-800-663-6105

**6. Is additional support material and information about the Physical Education K to 7 Integrated Resource Package (2006) easily accessible?**

Yes, additional materials and information regarding the Physical Education K to 7 Integrated Resource Package is available on the *Ministry of Education - Physical Education Curriculum Support Materials* web link. [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/program\\_delivery/pe.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/program_delivery/pe.htm).

Information includes:

- Physical Education K to 7 IRP Orientation PowerPoint (with accompanying audio tour in both PPT and Flash versions)
- Anticipated Revision and Implementation Schedule for all Physical Education K to 12 IRPs
- Frequently Asked Questions about the Physical Education K to 7 IRP
- Overview of the Physical Education K to 7 IRP Train-the Trainer Orientation
- Dates and Location of Physical Education K to 7 IRP Train-the-Trainer Orientation Sessions

**7. What is the implementation schedule for the Physical Education K to 7 Integrated Resource Package?**

- Optional Implementation: September 2007
- Full Implementation: September 2009

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