

Assessment Fact Sheet

Physical Fitness Test



What Is the PFT?

The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is a comprehensive battery of health-related physical fitness tests for students in California. The test has five parts that show a level of fitness that offer a degree of defense against diseases that are caused by inactivity. The test results can be used by students, teachers, and parents.

The five fitness components of the PFT are Aerobic Capacity, Abdominal Strength and Endurance, Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility, Upper Body Strength and Endurance, and Flexibility.



Why Is the PFT Given?

The results are one piece of information students and their families can use, along with other information, to monitor overall fitness. The results also are useful for schools to monitor their physical education programs.



Who Takes the PFT?

The PFT will be given to all students enrolled in a California public school in grades five, seven, and nine. Students with disabilities should be given as much of the test as each student's physical condition permits. The individualized education program or Section 504 plan team is responsible for deciding how students with disabilities will participate in the PFT.



How Is the PFT Given?

As a physical fitness test, the PFT requires every student in grades five, seven, and nine to perform a series of physical tasks. These tasks may be administered at any time during the test administration window, and they can be administered together or at different times during the administration window.



When Is the PFT Given?

The PFT administration window is open from February 1 to May 31.

If you have questions about the PFT, contact the Physical Fitness Testing Office by email at pft@cde.ca.gov.



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