

February 15, 1946.

Mr. Paul B. Lawson, Dean,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Dean Lawson:

In reply to your letter concerning the physical education classes meeting two periods a week, it seems hardly fair to condemn faculty members or a department upon the report of students, without giving that department a right to an explanation first. Some students consider only that they take physical education twice a week and do not think of the longer period.

I have this to report about the two period a week physical education classes. I shall use the 10:30 Tuesday-Thursday class as an example. This class reported dressed for work at 10:30 and was dismissed at 11:20 when the whistle blew. This constituted two working periods of 50 minutes each or a total of 100 working minutes. The 10:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday class reported dressed for work at 10:37 and was dismissed at 11:10. This constituted a working period of 33 minutes or a weekly total of 99 minutes.

Some students did have a class immediately following their physical education class. Otherwise their schedule could not be arranged to take the activity which they wanted. We discouraged this, but if their next class was in a building close by and they preferred to rush for that class they were allowed to continue in the physical education class. They were not allowed to cut the physical education period short.

I hope this will help clear up our position on the matter, and if you have specific cases to the contrary, I would be glad to check them with you.

Sincerely,

Ruth I. Hoover

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