

Department of Health and Phys. Ed., Wyandotte High School, Kansas City, Kansas

The following is an outline of the personnel, facilities, equipment and program of health and physical education for the new and splendidly equipped Wyandotte High School plant.

PERSONNEL

Each department has two instructors and one assistant. The men, in addition to teaching the gymnasium and swimming classes, coach two sports, swimming and gymnastics.

The women teach gymnasium, swimming and health classes and conduct the extra-curricular sports.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Boys Department

The main gymnasium floor is 120x80 feet with a seating capacity of 1800. Opening from this there is a storeroom for the various pieces of heavy apparatus, volleyball standards, high jump standards, mats, wands, indian clubs and dumb-bells. Also a well equipped instructor's office with shower and toilet.

A team room is provided and both separate and group showers are placed in this room as well as a place for drying suits. There are 7 basket rooms with 2070 baskets available. The dressing room has 173 lockers equipped with combination locks. In connection with this are both gymnasium and team towel rooms. The shower room for gymnasium classes has 14 shower heads with gang control and 3 individual showers.

Girls Department

The girls gymnasium floor is 86x60 feet and has one basketball court. Adjoining is a storeroom for heavy apparatus, volleyball and high jump standards, mats, wands and piano.

The instructor's office has shower, toilet, and lavatory facilities, and an outer office equipped with cupboards and two study tables. The dressing room has 87 lockers and 1500 baskets are provided. Included in this unit is a drying room for swimming suits and hair dryers. The shower room is up-to-date in that it contains both gang and individual showers. Towel room and drying room are adjacent to the gang showers.

The facilities available for both departments include health instruction rooms with modern equipment; a corrective gymnasium, equipped with mats, exercise table, horizontal ladder, stall bars, medicine balls and tripple mirror; a large clinic in charge of a registered nurse, used for health examinations and for hospitalization during the day; a swimming pool 28x60 feet with balcony for 250 spectators.

The outdoor facilities consist of separate play fields for boys and girls, one with asphalt surface and an athletic field, with lighting system, running track, and stadium seating 5000.

PROGRAM

All students in freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes are required to take physical education. Only those seniors chosen as leaders may take gym. In the boys department the leaders are organized into the 'Naismith' Club of 36 members - these are boys interested in majoring in physical education in college. The girl's leaders club has 26 members.

Students are required to have a health examination. Printed forms are provided and students take these to their family doctors. In a few cases the nurse makes appointment with doctors willing to give the examination without charge. This is necessary for those students who have no family doctor, or who are unable to afford the examination. All students are given a dental inspection.

Physical education work includes swimming and health instruction. No student is excused from swimming unless his doctor's statement gives a reason for the student not doing so. One period of health instruction is given each week when the class is not divided for swimming.

NEWS ITEMS

----- By Ardis Hill

The Executive Committee of the K.H.&P.E.A. held a meeting at Topeka Saturday, Feb. 5, at which plans for the coming State Convention at Pittsburg on March 25 and 26 were discussed. Complete details of the Convention will be given in the March Bulletin. Miss Ruth Hoover, Kansas University, was appointed as one of the Kansas representatives on the Central District Council, to fill out the uncompleted term of Miss Thora Ludvickson.