

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Austin, Texas

Proposed Standards in Physical Education for the High Schools of the State to be used as a Basis for the Accrediment of High School Programs by the State Department of Education

General Plan:

Herein are stated those standards which high schools in Texas must meet in order to be placed upon the list of schools approved by the State Department of Education. These standards should be regarded as the first step toward minimum standards which all schools should strive to meet. They are based upon standards now being used in the schools of other states and are not considered to be beyond the reach of the average school.

For 1932-1933 schools meeting the standards given below will be placed upon the approved list by the State Department of Education.

For 1933-34 approved schools will be allowed to give one-half credit in physical and health education to be counted toward high school graduation and college entrance, provided they were approved the previous year and provided further that all standards are satisfactorily met for 1933-1934.

For 1934-35 schools approved the previous two years and which still remain on the approved list may give an additional one-fourth credit or a total of three-fourths credit for this year. If approved for only one year previous only one-half credit may be allowed.

For 1935-36 schools approved the three previous years and which still remain on the approved list may give one full credit in physical and health education to count toward high school graduation and college entrance.

This plan provides that schools must be on the approved list for one year before being allowed to give one-half credit; on the list two years before being allowed to give three-fourths credit; and on the list three years before being allowed to give one full credit. This would mean that no complete four year program would be recognized before 1935-36.

The above procedure is proposed in order to give schools sufficient time in which to make the necessary changes and adaptations in their present programs and thus, in the allotted time, be able to develop satisfactory four-year programs which will meet the minimum standards herein stated. This method is suggested for the further reason that we have but very few schools in the state which are carrying out real four-year programs at the present time, whereas it is the opinion of many authorities that all schools should be required to have satisfactory programs operating for at least the minimum time suggested above before they receive full recognition and credit.

One-half credit will be allowed for a satisfactory two-year program provided minimum standards are met. Less than one-half or more than one credit will not be allowed any school.