# 2023-2024 School Physical Activity Award



# Agenda

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- Information to be Covered:
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# **School Physical Activity Award**

- The Louisiana Department of Education recognizes healthy and physically active students tend to have better grades, school attendance, cognitive performance, and classroom behaviors.
- Additionally, schools play a vital role in allowing students the opportunity for regular physical activity before, during and after school.
- To recognize outstanding public elementary and secondary schools that are implementing an outstanding physical activity program, the Department will be recognizing and honoring exemplary schools through the School Physical Activity Award program.

# **Benefits of Participation in the Awards Program**

- Recognize and celebrate school integration of physical activity throughout the school day.
- Showcase exemplary programs of physical activity programs in schools as models for others in the state.
- Highlight staff and community involvement in the development of physical activity programs



## **Timeline**





## **Application Process**

School principals, system administrators, or school health teams:

- Complete the School Physical Activity Application.
- Applications will be accepted through February 2, 2024.
- More information about the award may be found in the Physical Activity Award Overview.

Please contact <u>healthyschools@la.gov</u> with questions.



## **School Physical Activity Award Application**

#### The application includes:

- Basic information including applicant and school information
- School Principal contact information
- Written responses to essay questions describing the physical activity programs in the schools
- Links to websites as demonstration of work may be included
- Link(s) to accomplishments that showcase work may be included



## **Criteria**



## **Next Steps**

## School Physical Activity Award

- Review the <u>School Physical Activity</u> Award Overview document and determine school(s) that match the criteria.
- Select school(s) with an outstanding physical activity program.
- By February 2, submit application(s) via the application portal.





## Resources

## School Physical Activity Award

- School Physical Activity Award Overview
- School Physical Activity Award Application portal
- For questions and more information, contact <u>healthyschools@la.gov</u>



