

**Public Notice:**

**West Chicago School District 33  
DuPage County, Illinois  
Notice of Public Hearing on Waiver of Physical Education Mandate**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of West Chicago School District 33, DuPage County, Illinois, will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Lemman Middle School, 238 E. Hazel St., West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive public comment on a proposed waiver application to allow the District to modify the physical education course requirements as outlined in Section 27-6 of the Illinois School Code.

Anyone needing assistance or accommodations to attend the above hearing should contact the designated ADA Coordinator, Sherri Massa (630-293-6000) in advance of the hearing to arrange appropriate accommodations.

Said hearing may be continued without further notice except as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2023.

Alma Garcia, Secretary  
Board of Education  
West Chicago District 33  
DuPage County, Illinois



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Monday, February 13, 2023

#### **Section 4: Narrative to justify the request for waiver of school code mandate**

The Illinois School Code states: “Pupils enrolled in the public schools and State universities engaged in preparing teachers shall be required to engage during the school day, except on block scheduled days for those public schools engaged in block scheduling, in courses of physical education for such periods as are compatible with the optimum growth and developmental needs of individuals at the various age levels except when appropriate excuses are submitted to the school by a pupil's parent or guardian or by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 and except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section. A school board may determine the schedule or frequency of physical education courses, provided that a pupil engages in a course of physical education for a minimum of 3 days per 5-day week.” (ILCS5/ 27-6)

In West Chicago School District 33, students receive physical education instruction from a teacher licensed or endorsed in physical education at least three days per five-day week. Students receive physical education instruction from a teacher licensed or endorsed in physical education three days per five day week; a 25-minute period is designated for Teacher Directed Physical Education (TDPE) which meets the intent of the 3 days per week mandate of physical activity for all public school students while acknowledging the district’s budgetary and physical space limitations. The fact that this TDPE instruction is designed to be “compatible with the optimum growth and developmental needs of individuals at the various age levels” further demonstrates its compatibility with the intent of this section of the Illinois School Code. We therefore request a renewal of our waiver of this specific mandate for the students of West Chicago School District 33 in West Chicago, Illinois.