

To: Michael Humphreys, PE/Health/Family Life Education Instructional Specialist for Alexandria City Public Schools
 From: ACPS School Health Advisory Board (SHAB)
 Re: Feedback about Summer PE at T.C. Williams High School
 Date: September 12, 2016

SHAB has received the following feedback directly from families and via social media about the Summer PE program at T.C. Williams High School. From this feedback, we have generated questions. It would be helpful if we can receive information about the following at the next SHAB meeting. Thank you.

Concern	Question/Possible Action Step
Registration was by word-of-mouth with no written material about dates/times, transportation or fees provided upfront. This did not provide an equal opportunity for all students to participate.	SHAB acknowledges the benefits for students to have the opportunity to participate in physical activity every day, in grades K-12. However, if ACPS is going to offer students the ability to obtain their PE requirement in the summer, there is concern that Summer PE registration forms, with relevant course information, isn't being provided to every student along with regular course registration forms?
Parents and students were told classes would be held at the Minnie Howard campus. Classes were moved to the main campus without notification. Some students walked alone between campuses to get to class.	What is the future communication plan if classes are relocated again at the last minute? What steps can be taken to ensure administrators understand the liability of permitting students to walk alone between campuses without parental permission?
Students were separated by gender.	Are students in all physical education and health classes automatically separated by gender? If so, why, and how is this in compliance with Title IX?
Females were initially denied the opportunity to participate in weight training. A teacher told students the weights were too heavy for girls to lift and that it was unattractive and not "feminine" to lift weights and get large muscles.	Are all students in physical education classes given equal opportunity to participate in all activities? What action did ACPS take to resolve this matter and ensure it does not happen again? Should parents or students with concerns about gender equity have been referred to the Title IX Coordinator?
Student privacy was not protected when a parent contacted the school about gender equity concerns.	What is the process for protecting student privacy when a concern is raised? Should the Title IX Coordinator be consulted before teachers communicate with a student in response to a gender equity concern?
Students were given the option to have an evaluation of their body fat ratio and were offered nutritional guidance based on the results. Extra credit was offered for making dietary changes.	Should students be given clinical examination without parent consent or clinical staff involvement? Should staff without access to student medical records be guiding and rewarding nutritional changes?
Students were told they could have two unexcused absences so they did not need to attend the last two days if they had not missed any classes. There was no communication to parents about attendance.	Why would students be told they do not need to attend a required class? How does ACPS ensure the academic integrity of a state-mandated course if students are permitted to miss 10% of the class? What course activities were planned for the last two days?
Students were dismissed at 9:00am on the final day. There was no communication about this to parents.	What is the future communication plan if classes are dismissed early? What action will be taken to ensure administrators understand the liability of permitting students to leave campus without parental permission when parents believe students are in school?

<p>The Principal was not available to parents who had concerns during the last week of classes. It is rumored the Principal left ACPS during the summer.</p>	<p>What is the future plan for notifying parents and students when there is an administration change?</p>
<p>Students were told, but parents were not informed, that the CPR course requirement was not offered during the summer.</p>	<p>How will students meet the CPR requirement for Summer PE classes? What is the plan for informing parents? How are grades and credits managed when all course requirements are not offered?</p>