HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS
MONITORING REPORT – R-5 Physical Education

I certify that the information in this report is true.

Signed: Rick Maxey Date: March 6, 2017
Rick Maxey, Superintendent

Disposition of the Board:

_____ In compliance
_____ Not in compliance
_____ Compliance with exception

Signed: _____ Date: March 20, 2017
Joe DeFeo, Board Chair

Comments: _____

R-5 – Physical Education	Supt	Supt	Board	Board
	In Compliance	In Compliance	In Compliance	In Compliance
Each student will achieve mastery of performance standards or state competencies in Health & Physical Education	✓			

Interpretation: I interpret this policy to mean that Horry County Schools will implement a course of study that is aligned with the South Carolina Academic Standards for Health and Physical Education. These standards outlines competencies students should know and physical skills required to develop a healthy and productive life. The standards address competence in motor skills, movement concepts, personal and social skills and will aid students in developing awareness that healthy choices and physical activity provide the opportunity for lifelong health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression and social interaction. In Horry County Schools, students in grade PK through high school receive instruction from certified Health and Physical Education teachers. Our middle and high schools provide a wide range of opportunities for students to participate in a variety of sports while overall instruction in Health and Physical Education promotes a more holistic view exploring healthy choices and lifelong physical activities. Some schools established health clubs to allow students to maintain nutrition and activity journals which encourage and document a healthier lifestyle.

I further interpret this policy to mean that the staff will regularly monitor and evaluate the instructional programs at each school offering Health and Physical Education. This is a as part of ongoing efforts to improve student learning in Health and Physical Education and to develop personal awareness of the benefits of healthy choices and physical activities.

The Staff is offered continuous support through Professional Development opportunities both at the District and State levels to develop curricula, assessment and teaching pedagogy based on the most current research and teaching on Health and Physical Education. Open communication with the State Department of Education Coordinator's Office ensures compliance with state standards. Best teaching practices, current standards-based curriculum, online staff development, and teacher feedback is periodically promulgated to the staff.

Evidence of Status of Compliance:

We are in full compliance with this policy. Evidence is listed below:

- The South Carolina Academic Standards for Physical Education are incorporated in Horry County Schools' curriculum and course offering.
- Instruction and equipment is age appropriate and guided by outlined strategies.
- Technology is integrated in the instruction via personal device apps for Health and PE through the FitnessGram 10 program.
- Since Horry County Schools was part of a pilot program for FitnessGram 10, all PE teachers must complete the online training and testing programs. This program allows student input, online tracking and data assessment both individually and collectively.
- The district compares state-developed survey data collected at the end of the year to improve the overall program and to identify specific areas within individual schools needing improvements.
- District Physical Education teachers have developed nationally recognized programs such as Fit Families of America (FFAME) and serve as officers, committee members, and presenters in state and national organizations emphasizing Health and Physical Education. Additionally, one HCS teacher was selected and placed on the state panel to update Physical Education standards.
- The number of students participating in our middle and high schools sports program continues to rise. Several schools have won state championships in boys and girls sports. Students/athletes participating in sports develop character education awareness through diverse opportunities such as Golf, Archery, and Dance. Fourteen Elementary Schools are participating in the National Schools Program sponsored by the First Tee organization. These schools received costly equipment and training at no cost.
- Teachers, Students, and District Office personnel participate in the District Wellness Committee. Input from this committee has set minimum nutritional standards for school vending machines and classroom snacks offered by schools.
- The participation in Archery programs continues to increase throughout the district.
- High School students are required to complete one unit of Physical Education for graduation and must complete a comprehensive health/wellness program.
- Physical Education is available at Horry County Schools Virtual and the nine JROTC programs as options for students unable to participate in the traditional programs or seeking educational alternatives.