

ELL Tips for Physical Education Teachers

Support your English Language Learners (ELLs) with these tips!



Welcoming Students

Welcome students with smiles. Explain how P.E. works and what clothes are needed. Be mindful of cultural considerations related to clothes, swimsuits, and changing.



Learning Students' Names

Learn to say and write students' names correctly. Refrain from using nicknames or making comments about students' names.



Student Interests

Get to know students' interests and favorite sports. Some of your students may be big sports fans or have experience playing on a team.



Encouraging Participation

Some students may hesitate to join a new activity. Help students understand how to play new games and pair them with a friendly buddy.



Learning Key Terms

Teach students important words they need to know, such as **defense**, and words that have multiple meanings, such as **run**.



Getting Students Moving

Bring sports and healthy activities to life through field trips, by bringing in guest speakers, and events such as community walks or runs.

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