

Summary

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Mandigo, J. L., & Anderson, A. T. (2003). Net/Wall Games: Part I. Using Pedagogical Principles in Net/Wall Games to Enhance Teaching Effectiveness. *Teaching Elementary Physical Education*, 14(1), 8-11.

Issue/focus

This article explains the pedagogical principles, how to use the principles in net or wall games, and provides the reader with examples of specific games. The article identifies tactical problems and solutions and uses them as the groundwork for formal net/wall games. The authors want to provide elementary school teachers with adequate knowledge about the pedagogical principles to develop competent skills in their students. Students are more likely to continue participation if teachers understand how to develop foundation skills at an early age.

Reasoning

The article offers four key pedagogical principles:

1. Sampling - the teacher using a variety of games with their students
2. Representation - the skills taught should be directly linked to game play
3. Exaggeration -the focus of the drill has to be embellished
4. Tactical complexity -the drill should include developmental progression

These principles in accompaniment with reflective questioning allow further information of a clear understanding between the teacher and student.

Assumptions

The article assumes teacher will easily facilitate the pedagogical principles their physical education curriculum. Even though most programs have already implemented the idea of healthy living in elementary school physical education, this does not mean changing the way teachers conduct their classes is going to be simple.

Conclusion

After reading this article I learned what pedagogical meant and new methods to teach for understanding. I think the examples of games were important to the article as it gave a basis for clueless teachers a place to start.

Significant Information

- Reflective questioning is beneficial for both the teacher and student
- Take tactical game problems and work backwards to enhance game-like scenarios
- The overall idea of the pedagogical principles is to create a foundation of skill that can be built upon in the future

Personal Comments

I agree with most of the article although I think the authors could have written it in an easier to read format that might get used a lot more. The article has great intentions of setting up young students for life of healthy living.