

How does OPEN National Field Day work?

Note: As of 4/28/2020 links and resources are still being added. Thank you for checking back with us often.

1) Teachers and/or parents must register as a Field Day Organizer.

- *Why?* OPEN is providing file links to resources directly to organizers. Organizers then share the links with others in their school communities so that kids have the information needed for participation on May 8.
- Also, organizers can win 1 of 5 top prizes for their school's physical education, recess, or field day programs. Winners will be announced during the OPENing Ceremony.
- Organizers will receive Friday Field Day newsletters via email.

OPEN National Field Day Packets include everything families need to participate on May 8. Available as a complete packet in PDF only.

www.openphysed.org/nationalfieldday

2) Every student needs a scorecard.

- Scorecards are available as PDFs, WORD Docs, Google Docs.
- They are available in English or Spanish.
- Scorecards should be filled out by students on the day of participation. Then, there are 2 options.
- ⇒ OPTION 1: Students return the completed card (or picture of the completed card) to their physical education teacher or Field Day Organizer. The organizer will then send each student a Certificate of Participation (www.OPENPhysEd.org/fielddaychamp).
- ⇒ OPTION 2: Students will show the completed card to a family member who will help them download, print, and sign a Certificate of Participation from the OPENPhysEd.org website. Certificates are available as PDFs, WORD Docs, Google Docs.

3) Every family needs the Event Cards.

- You can download event cards in PDF, WORD, or Google Doc formats.
- View videos of every event at www.OPENPhysEd.org/fielddayvideos

4) Students should prepare for the big day using our Practice Resources.

- Practice Plans are available as PDFs, WORD Docs, Google Docs.
- Physical Educators can provide Lesson Packets allowing students to meet weekly P.E. requirements by practicing for field day.
- Start with OPEN's Active Home Week 7 Packet. (www.OPENPhysEd.org/activeschools/activehome)
- Continue with OPEN's Active Home Week 8 Packet. (Available May 4)

5) Families should gather all of the required equipment.

- Use the Complete Equipment List available in PDF and WORD.
- Most equipment can be found around the house. If a family cannot go out and purchase something on the list, simply skip that event. Students will not be penalized in any way for skipping events as long as they participate.

6) EVERYONE needs to tune in and watch the National Field Day OPENing Ceremony.

- The ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 PM Eastern Time.
- The event will be broadcast at www.OPENPhysEd.org/fielddayopening and will remain posted for teachers, students and families to view prior to field day participation.
- There will be special guest appearances, the lighting of the field day flame, and a reading of the Spirit of the Game Pledge.

7) OPEN National Field Day is on May 8.

- Participation can happen at any time throughout the day.
- All students, families and teachers can post photos and videos of their participation to social media using #NationalFieldDay and tag @OPENPhysEd. Be sure to follow your school's social media policies.
- After participation, students can post scorecards to social media using the hashtag and account tags above. Student can also send scorecards to teachers/field day organizers for verification.
- School communities and families can choose to participate in field day on a different date (other than May 8). We will continue to post all field day materials and resources with no plans to remove links. We ask that you continue to post pictures and videos of participation to social media using our hashtag and account tag.

8) Students receive Certificates of Participation

- Students can hang participation certificates proudly in their homes. Again, there are 2 options for receiving certificates:
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