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Presentation of findings for West Australia South West region government schools, for West Australian Government Department of Education - How are primary education health and physical education (HPE) teachers best prepared?

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Presentation of Findings

Western Australia – South West Region

Government schools

Western Australia South West Region schools (total)

Total returned surveys	3
Total Western Australian government schools	51
% within state	5.9%

1. Which teachers are responsible for HPE in your school (eg. Classroom, specialist HPE, outsourced)?

Deputy Principal	1	(33.3%)
Classroom teachers	1	(33.3%)
A generalist teacher in HPE role	1	(33.3%)

2. If HPE is outsourced please give details of what is outsourced and background/qualifications of the people who take the classes?

No details/Not Applicable	3	(100.0%)
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3. Do you prefer to have specialist HPE teachers in your school?

Yes	1	(33.3%)
No	2	(66.7%)

Comments explaining why:

The school is very small, with small student numbers and doesn't warrant having a full time HPE teacher.

They have the expertise!

Prefer a generalist teacher – greater flexibility in meeting school needs.

4. If your school does have a HPE specialist teacher, do they have specific HPE qualifications?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)
No details/Not Applicable	2	

5. On average how much time of PE (lesson) engagement do students in your school receive weekly?

None	0	
Half an hour	0	
1 hour	2	(66.7%)
2 hours	1	(33.3%)
3 hours or more	0	

6. When employing staff, do you look at the university certificate/ testamur of potential staff?

Yes	2	(66.7%)
No	1	(33.3%)

7. When employing teachers do you peruse university transcripts of results?

Yes	2	(66.7%)
No	1	(33.3%)

8. As a Principal, would a course that qualifies teachers to be generalist classroom teachers and HPE specialists be of value?

No	0	
Maybe	0	
Probably	1	(33.3%)
Yes	2	(66.7%)

9. Would a testamur/ certificate that read “Bachelor of Primary Education (Health and Physical Education)” assist you with the employment of staff?

No	1	(33.3%)
Maybe	1	(33.3%)
Probably	0	
Yes	1	(33.3%)

10. What are the key attributes of a good HPE teacher?

HPE subject knowledge & dev appropriate pedagogy	2 (mentions)
Planning/ assessment and flexibility (organised)	2
Rapport/ communication and management skills	2
Passion/ interest/ enthusiasm (children)	2
Introduce a variety of physical activities/ skills	1
Athletic/ fitness/ stamina/ active	0
Fair	0

11. Are there any other details you would like to add on the issue of quality HPE experiences for children in schools?

HPE experiences are to be age and skill appropriate.

A generalist classroom teacher with a specific interest in PE is applicable as the PE role is not full time and can vary from year to year.

Small sized schools (less than 100 children) Western Australia South West Region

- 1 returned surveys

1. Which teachers are responsible for HPE in your school (eg. Classroom, specialist HPE, outsourced)?

Classroom teachers	1	(100.0%)
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2. If HPE is outsourced please give details of what is outsourced and background/qualifications of the people who take the classes?

No details/Not Applicable	1	(100.0%)
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3. Do you prefer to have specialist HPE teachers in your school?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)

Comments explaining why:

The school is very small, with small student numbers and doesn't warrant having a full time HPE teacher.

4. If your school does have a HPE specialist teacher, do they have specific HPE qualifications?

No details/Not Applicable	1	(100.0%)
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5. On average how much time of PE (lesson) engagement do students in your school receive weekly?

None	0	
Half an hour	0	
1 hour	1	(100.0%)
2 hours	0	
3 hours or more	0	

6. When employing staff, do you look at the university certificate/ testamur of potential staff?

Yes	1	(100.0%)
No	0	

7. When employing teachers do you peruse university transcripts of results?

Yes	1	(100.0%)
No	0	

8. As a Principal, would a course that qualifies teachers to be generalist classroom teachers and HPE specialists be of value?

No	0	
Maybe	0	
Probably	1	(100.0%)
Yes	0	

9. Would a testamur/ certificate that read “Bachelor of Primary Education (Health and Physical Education)” assist you with the employment of staff?

No	0	
Maybe	1	(100.0%)
Probably	0	
Yes	0	

10. What are the key attributes of a good HPE teacher?

HPE subject knowledge & dev appropriate pedagogy	1 (mentions)
Planning/ assessment and flexibility (organised)	1
Passion/ interest/ enthusiasm (children)	1
Introduce a variety of physical activities/ skills	1

11. Are there any other details you would like to add on the issue of quality HPE experiences for children in schools?

HPE experiences are to be age and skill appropriate.

Medium sized schools (100-300 children) Western Australia South West Region

- 1 returned surveys

1. Which teachers are responsible for HPE in your school (eg. Classroom, specialist HPE, outsourced)?

Deputy Principal	1	(100.0%)
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2. If HPE is outsourced please give details of what is outsourced and background/qualifications of the people who take the classes?

No details/Not Applicable	1	(100.0%)
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3. Do you prefer to have specialist HPE teachers in your school?

Yes	1	(100.0%)
No	0	

Comments explaining why:

They have the expertise!

4. If your school does have a HPE specialist teacher, do they have specific HPE qualifications?

No details/Not Applicable	1	(100.0%)
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5. On average how much time of PE (lesson) engagement do students in your school receive weekly?

None	0	
Half an hour	0	
1 hour	1	(100.0%)
2 hours	0	
3 hours or more	0	

6. When employing staff, do you look at the university certificate/testamur of potential staff?

Yes	1	(100.0%)
No	0	

7. When employing teachers do you peruse university transcripts of results?

Yes	1	(100.0%)
No	0	

8. As a Principal, would a course that qualifies teachers to be generalist classroom teachers and HPE specialists be of value?

No	0	
Maybe	0	
Probably	0	
Yes	1	(100.0%)

9. Would a testamur/ certificate that read “Bachelor of Primary Education (Health and Physical Education)” assist you with the employment of staff?

No	0	
Maybe	0	
Probably	0	
Yes	1	(100.0%)

10. What are the key attributes of a good HPE teacher?

HPE subject knowledge & dev appropriate pedagogy	1 (mentions)
Passion/ interest/ enthusiasm (children)	1

11. Are there any other details you would like to add on the issue of quality HPE experiences for children in schools?

No details/Not Applicable	1	(100.0%)
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Large sized schools (300-600 children) Western Australia South West Region

- 1 returned surveys

1. Which teachers are responsible for HPE in your school (eg. Classroom, specialist HPE, outsourced)?

A generalist teacher in HPE role	1	(100.0%)
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2. If HPE is outsourced please give details of what is outsourced and background/qualifications of the people who take the classes?

No details/Not Applicable	1	(100.0%)
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3. Do you prefer to have specialist HPE teachers in your school?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)

Comments explaining why:

Prefer a generalist teacher – greater flexibility in meeting school needs.

4. If your school does have a HPE specialist teacher, do they have specific HPE qualifications?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)

5. On average how much time of PE (lesson) engagement do students in your school receive weekly?

None	0	
Half an hour	0	
1 hour	0	
2 hours	1	(100.0%)
3 hours or more	0	

6. When employing staff, do you look at the university certificate/ testamur of potential staff?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)

7. When employing teachers do you peruse university transcripts of results?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)

8. As a Principal, would a course that qualifies teachers to be generalist classroom teachers and HPE specialists be of value?

No	0	
Maybe	0	
Probably	0	
Yes	1	(100.0%)

9. Would a testamur/ certificate that read “Bachelor of Primary Education (Health and Physical Education)” assist you with the employment of staff?

No	1	(100.0%)
Maybe	0	
Probably	0	
Yes	0	

10. What are the key attributes of a good HPE teacher?

Planning/ assessment and flexibility (organised)	1 (mentions)
Report/ communication and management skills	2

11. Are there any other details you would like to add on the issue of quality HPE experiences for children in schools?

A generalist classroom teacher with a specific interest in PE is applicable as the PE role is not full time and can vary from year to year.

Very Large sized schools (600 children and more) Western Australia South West Region

- 0 returned surveys