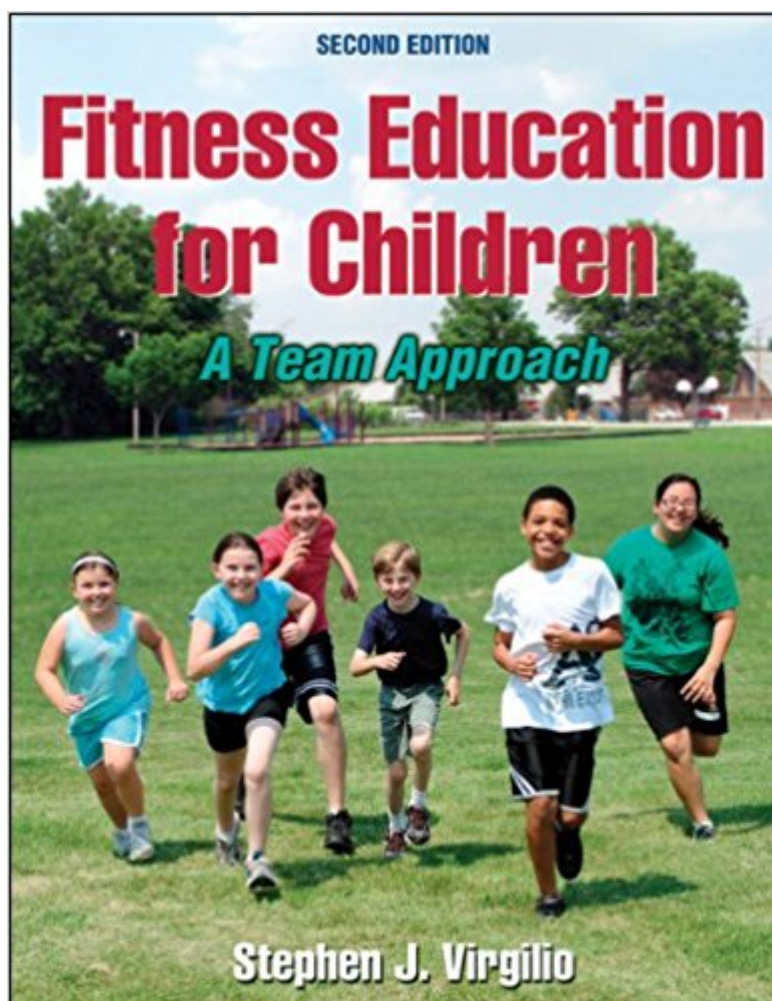


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Fitness Education For Children-2nd Edition: A Team Approach



Synopsis

In the latest edition of his book *Fitness Education for Children: A Team Approach*, Stephen Virgilio emphasizes the importance of collaboration to combat obesity and promote active lifestyles. Virgilio shows how you can combine the efforts of physical educators, administrators, classroom teachers, school volunteers, parents, school lunch personnel, health service professionals, and others in the community. Virgilio provides new suggestions and information on incorporating the team approach to help schools meet wellness policy objectives. He spells out a school wellness approach with the physical educator as physical activity director and guides you in integrating school fitness breaks and activities in the classroom curriculum. He also offers new exercise, rhythmic, and pedometer activities as well as new fitness games; provides current research and statistics on childhood obesity and approaches to intervention; includes a completely new chapter on yoga (including activities) for school-aged children; and presents information on the stages of behavioral change, helping teachers modify long-term health behaviors in children. This new edition also includes updated Activitygram/Fitnessgram procedures and a discussion of SMART goals. You will find a new section on teaching children with autism spectrum disorder and the current USDA's MyPlate. You will also receive the most recent physical activity guidelines for children from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and help in developing programs that support those guidelines. And you will find updated references throughout the book as well as new websites for further information. *Fitness Education for Children* also offers strategies for cross-curricular activities and classroom collaborations as well as suggestions for using technology to enhance your communication with students and parents. Written for veteran and new physical educators as well as students preparing to enter the profession, this text covers the gamut of issues that educators need to know to provide effective fitness education. Those issues include the principles of fitness, teaching children with disabilities, planning lessons, teaching fitness concepts, collaborating with other teachers, and getting parents and your community involved. You also receive updated developmental exercises and active games and activities, and you will learn how to hold exciting schoolwide events. *Fitness Education for Children* offers a blueprint for battling obesity in school-aged children by promoting healthy lifestyles. This book will help you understand the educational philosophy, instructional strategies, assessments, and pedagogical models that will transform your curriculum into a springboard to a lifetime of healthy activity for the children you teach.

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