

A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
IN THE FOUR CLASSES OF HIGH SCHOOLS
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INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this study was to determine the status of physical education in the various classes of schools (AA-A-B-BB) in the state of Kansas and compare them by using items which could provide a basis for comparison of the four classes.

This information could be used as a guide for future graduates of Kansas State University in the selection of the type of school in which they might seek employment.

It was also hoped that this study could be used as an aid for further study of physical education in the state of Kansas.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

An additional step in the study was to conduct an investigation of literature in the library of the Department of Physical Education which was relative to this problem. The investigation produced two surveys concerning the status of physical education in Class AA and in Class BB schools which were helpful in making some comparisons: Robert F. Sulzman's, "A Survey of the Physical Education Program with Respect to Staff, Facilities, and Activities of the "BB" Schools of Kansas in 1960," and Richard Ephraim Towers, "A Study of the Status of Physical Education in Class AA High Schools in Kansas, 1960."

METHOD OF STUDY

A simple, short answer type of questionnaire was constructed to collect information pertaining to the size of school, general information, the facilities, and the equipment.

The questionnaire consisted of a three page form and included yes and no questions and fill-in answers. It was felt this type of questionnaire would require less time to answer and would result in a larger number of returns and hence a more accurate and complete study. A copy of the questionnaire is included in the appendix.

The Handbook published by the Kansas High School Activities Association (6) which was also consulted, showed 56 Class AA high schools with an enrollment which ranged from 515 to 2,599. There were to be 64 Class A schools, but because of a tie in enrollment this figure was reduced to 62 with a range in enrollment of 208 to 512 students. There was a total of 128 Class B high schools whose enrollments ranged from 101 to 217. The Class BB included all those schools that had a student body of less than 100, of which there were 209 schools. The lowest reported enrollment figures in Class BB was 21.

It was first decided to make a random sampling of all Kansas High schools by selecting every fourth school from an alphabetical list. However, after this was accomplished it was necessary to make an adjustment whereby 25 per cent of the schools in each class would be more representative of