

## **Exemplary School Program (ESP) Recognition Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1. Can we apply for ESP even though our school is not academically exemplary?**

ANSWER: YES, ESP and academic ratings are two separate recognitions provided by two different entities.

**2. Can my teaching assistant or paraprofessional count in our student to teacher ratio?**

ANSWER: Yes, but this option is only available for Level 3 of Criteria 12. The use of a paraprofessional or teaching assistant to reduce the student to teacher ratio must be included in the Safety Plan.

**3. How do I get a copy of my TAHPERD Membership Card?**

ANSWER:

- Login to your TAHPERD Account (At the top of the home page, click on “Sign In.”)
- Enter your user name and password. This will take you back to the home page.
- At the top, click on your name. This will take you to your TAHPERD account.
- Click on the Membership card on the left had side of the screen to print your card.

**4. How do I get a diagram of my gym?**

ANSWER:

- Contact your campus administration for a facilities map.
- You can also utilize your fire escape route map if you have that in your gym.
- Draw the dimension of your instructional space(s) on paper and scan electronic format or create a diagram in Word or other software.

**5. What lessons are considered adventure outdoor education?**

ANSWER: Adventure outdoor education draws upon the philosophy, theory, and practices of experiential education and environmental education. Outdoor education students participate in a variety of adventurous challenges and outdoor activities such as hiking, archery, fishing, orienteering, climbing, canoeing, ropes courses and group initiative games.

**6. Why put forth the effort to submit an Exemplary School Program application?**

ANSWER: It’s a tool to advocate for your program and for the benefits of HPERD programs. It allows you to start a conversation with stakeholders and administration on your campus about what you are doing and areas to improve.