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## Effectiveness of curriculum reforms in physical education: A study of shifts from traditional models to outcome-based education Post-NEP 2020

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### Abstract

Curriculum reform in Physical Education (PE) has emerged as a central theme in contemporary educational discourse, reflecting the evolving demands of society, health imperatives, and policy mandates. Historically, PE curricula were designed with an emphasis on physical drills, discipline, and standardized motor skills. However, globalization, research in sports sciences, and the increasing importance of holistic development have shifted the focus toward outcome-based, learner-centered approaches. This paper critically examines curriculum reforms in Physical Education, with particular emphasis on the Indian context under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Drawing from comparative global practices, the study investigates the transition from traditional models to outcome-based frameworks that emphasize inclusivity, physical literacy, lifelong fitness, and psychosocial well-being. Methodologically, this research adopts a qualitative and analytical approach, synthesizing educational policy documents, secondary literature, and theoretical perspectives. Findings highlight the strengths and challenges of reforms, including the integration of technology, assessment innovations, and teacher preparedness. The study concludes with recommendations for sustaining effective reforms, ensuring that Physical Education remains a transformative force in fostering holistic human development.

**Keywords:** NEP 2020, curriculum reform, physical education, outcome-based education, physical literacy, holistic development, sports pedagogy, inclusive education, educational policy

### Introduction

Physical Education (PE) has long been regarded as an integral aspect of education, fostering not only physical health but also psychological, social, and moral development. Yet, its role in formal curricula has often been contested, marginalized, or narrowly defined. In many systems, PE was historically framed as a supplementary discipline, focused largely on physical drills, sports performance, and competitive outcomes. Such traditional frameworks often overlooked the broader aims of education, which include fostering lifelong fitness habits, social inclusion, and holistic well-being. The twenty-first century, however, has ushered in a renewed recognition of the role of PE, propelled by societal concerns over sedentary lifestyles, escalating non-communicable diseases, and the growing need for psychosocial resilience. Consequently, curriculum reforms in PE have gained prominence globally, emphasizing a shift from performance-oriented models to outcome-based and learner-centered approaches.

The global landscape of PE reform reflects a growing emphasis on “physical literacy,” a concept that transcends mere skill acquisition and instead promotes lifelong engagement in physical activity. Countries such as Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia have restructured their PE curricula to foreground inclusivity, student agency, and lifelong learning. For instance, the Canadian approach to PE promotes competency in physical, cognitive, and affective domains, ensuring that students develop the motivation and confidence to remain active throughout life. Similarly, European nations have integrated PE reforms to align with the World Health Organization’s (WHO) call for physical activity as a cornerstone of public health. These international models collectively signal a paradigm shift toward holistic, outcome-based education that regards PE as central to both educational and social development. In India, curriculum reforms in PE have been both delayed and uneven, often constrained by the dominance of examination-driven learning and infrastructural limitations.

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Traditionally, PE in Indian schools was marginalized, frequently confined to a single weekly period, and perceived as recreational rather than educational. The focus on competitive sports further excluded students who lacked athletic abilities, thereby reinforcing inequities and neglecting broader health and fitness outcomes. This neglect has exacerbated challenges such as rising childhood obesity, poor fitness indices among youth, and limited awareness of the psychosocial benefits of physical activity. Against this backdrop, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emerges as a landmark reform, offering the potential to reimagine PE within a holistic framework of education.

The NEP 2020 emphasizes “fitness as a way of life,” advocating the integration of sports and physical activity into the daily routines of students. It envisions PE not as an isolated subject but as an interdisciplinary contributor to overall educational outcomes, linking physical fitness with cognitive, emotional, and social competencies. The policy stresses inclusivity, encouraging the participation of all learners regardless of ability, gender, or socio-economic background. It also highlights the role of technology in enriching PE pedagogy, from digital fitness tracking tools to gamified learning environments. Importantly, the NEP aligns Indian PE reforms with global trends in outcome-based education, where the focus is on competencies, skills, and values rather than rote memorization or isolated performance measures.

The significance of studying curriculum reforms in PE lies in their far-reaching implications for education and society. At the educational level, reformed curricula aim to dismantle hierarchical structures that privilege academic subjects while relegating physical activity to a secondary status. By repositioning PE as a vital element of holistic development, reforms underscore the need for balanced education that nurtures body, mind, and spirit. At the societal level, these reforms intersect with pressing concerns such as public health, social equity, and national productivity. For instance, equipping students with lifelong fitness habits can alleviate the growing burden of lifestyle diseases, while inclusive PE can foster social integration among diverse populations.

This paper, therefore, seeks to critically examine the effectiveness of curriculum reforms in Physical Education, focusing on the transition from traditional to outcome-based frameworks. While drawing on global practices, it pays special attention to the Indian context under NEP 2020. By analyzing theoretical underpinnings, policy directions, and practical challenges, the study aims to assess how reforms are reshaping the role of PE and what further steps are needed to ensure their success. In doing so, the paper contributes to broader discourses on education, health, and human development, affirming the centrality of PE in preparing students not just for academic success but for meaningful, healthy, and engaged lives.

## Review of Literature

### Historical perspectives on physical education curricula

The roots of Physical Education can be traced back to classical civilizations where physical training was linked with military preparedness and civic responsibility. In ancient Greece, the concept of arete combined intellectual, moral, and physical excellence, while Sparta emphasized rigorous physical drills for military strength (Zeigler and Bowie 45). Similarly, in India, traditional systems such as vyayamshalas and yogic practices promoted physical fitness alongside spiritual growth (Chopra 78). However, with the advent of

colonial education, particularly in the Indian context, physical activity was relegated to regimented drills and military-style exercises, prioritizing discipline over holistic development. This legacy continued well into the twentieth century, where PE curricula globally emphasized rigid, skill-based models that valued performance in sports over personal growth and inclusivity.

The early twentieth century also witnessed attempts to standardize PE, particularly in Western nations, where gymnastics, calisthenics, and organized games were central components of curricula. While these approaches established the importance of systematic physical activity, they often marginalized non-athletic students and did little to cultivate lifelong fitness habits. Critics argued that such models reinforced exclusionary practices by privileging competitive excellence over participation and personal well-being.

### Traditional Models versus Modern Approaches

Traditional PE curricula were characterized by teacher-centered pedagogy, rigid assessments, and limited scope. Activities were structured around measurable physical performance, such as sprint times or skill execution, with little consideration for student interest or differentiated abilities. This framework reflected a mechanistic view of education, treating the body as an instrument for discipline and productivity rather than an integrated aspect of human development.

In contrast, modern approaches, influenced by educational psychology and constructivist theories, advocate for student-centered pedagogy. The introduction of concepts like “physical literacy” and “lifelong physical activity” reoriented the goals of PE. Physical literacy, as articulated by Margaret Whitehead (2010), emphasizes not just physical competence but also motivation, confidence, and understanding, ensuring that learners develop the capacity and desire to remain active throughout life. This shift underscores the need to view PE not as a domain for producing athletes but as a platform for nurturing holistic, active citizens.

Another important development has been the incorporation of psychosocial dimensions into PE curricula. Research demonstrates that participation in physical activity contributes to improved mental health, teamwork, leadership, and resilience. Consequently, contemporary PE curricula integrate outcomes related to emotional well-being and social development alongside physical fitness, reflecting a broader conception of education.

### International Reforms in Physical Education

Globally, curriculum reforms in PE reflect both public health imperatives and educational priorities. In Canada, the development of the Physical and Health Education (PHE) framework has emphasized physical literacy and competency-based outcomes. The Canadian Sport for Life movement, aligned with the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model, has influenced PE curricula to promote participation across the lifespan rather than focusing solely on elite performance.

Similarly, in the United Kingdom, the National Curriculum for PE has undergone significant reforms since the 1990s. It now emphasizes creativity, health, and personal achievement alongside competitive sports. Studies indicate that such reforms have encouraged greater student engagement and inclusivity, although challenges remain in teacher preparedness and resource allocation. Australia has also been a leader in PE curriculum reform, integrating physical literacy

within the Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education (AC:HPE). The framework adopts a holistic approach, focusing on movement competence, health understanding, and lifelong activity. Scholars note that this model has been effective in addressing public health concerns, including childhood obesity and declining fitness levels.

These international examples underscore a global consensus: PE curricula must transcend traditional sport-centric models and adopt outcome-based frameworks that prioritize inclusivity, holistic well-being, and lifelong participation.

### Curriculum Reforms in India

In India, the evolution of PE curricula reflects a complex interplay between traditional practices, colonial legacies, and contemporary educational reforms. The early post-independence period witnessed limited emphasis on PE, with sports and physical activity treated as co-curricular rather than curricular domains. The National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs) of 1988, 2000, and 2005 gradually acknowledged the role of PE in holistic development, yet implementation was sporadic and inconsistent.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 marks a watershed moment in this trajectory. For the first time, PE is positioned at the heart of holistic education, with explicit emphasis on integrating sports, yoga, and fitness into daily routines. The policy advocates for flexible curricula, outcome-based assessment, and inclusivity, ensuring that all learners not just athletes benefit from physical activity. Importantly, NEP 2020 envisions PE as interdisciplinary, linking it with health education, environmental awareness, and socio-emotional learning.

Scholars highlight both opportunities and challenges in this reform. While the policy sets ambitious goals, practical barriers such as inadequate infrastructure, teacher shortages, and socio-cultural biases pose significant obstacles. Furthermore, the challenge of balancing competitive sports with inclusive participation remains unresolved.

### Theoretical frameworks guiding curriculum reform

Curriculum reforms in PE are underpinned by various theoretical perspectives. Outcome-Based Education (OBE), pioneered by William Spady in the 1990s, forms the backbone of many modern reforms. OBE emphasizes the achievement of clearly defined outcomes that encompass knowledge, skills, and values. In the context of PE, this translates into fostering competencies such as movement proficiency, health literacy, and psychosocial resilience.

Constructivist theories of learning also inform modern PE curricula. Constructivism posits that learners construct knowledge through active engagement, experience, and reflection (Piaget 1970; Vygotsky 1978). Applied to PE, this approach supports student-centered pedagogy, experiential learning, and differentiated instruction that accommodates diverse abilities and interests.

Holistic education frameworks further enrich PE reforms. These perspectives stress the integration of body, mind, and spirit, advocating for education that nurtures physical health alongside cognitive and emotional growth (Miller 2005). The NEP 2020's vision of fitness as integral to human flourishing reflects such holistic orientations.

Finally, critical pedagogy offers insights into the equity dimensions of PE curricula. Scholars such as Paulo Freire (1970) argue that education should challenge hierarchies and empower marginalized voices. Applied to PE, this perspective

calls for inclusive practices that dismantle gender, class, and ability-based exclusions.

### Gaps in the Literature

While existing research provides valuable insights into the trajectory of PE curriculum reforms, several gaps remain. In the Indian context, empirical studies assessing the impact of NEP 2020 reforms are limited, given the policy's recent implementation. There is also insufficient attention to rural-urban disparities, teacher training needs, and the role of technology in PE pedagogy. Globally, scholars highlight the challenge of translating theoretical frameworks into effective practice, particularly in resource-constrained settings. Addressing these gaps is essential for sustaining reforms and ensuring that PE contributes meaningfully to educational and social development.

### Methodology

The present study adopts a qualitative and analytical research design aimed at critically examining curriculum reforms in Physical Education, with particular emphasis on the transition from traditional models to outcome-based frameworks under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India. Unlike experimental research, which relies on empirical data collection through physical testing or intervention, this study relies on an interpretive approach, synthesizing policy documents, scholarly literature, and theoretical perspectives to evaluate the effectiveness of reforms.

### Research Design

The study employs a descriptive-analytical framework, wherein existing literature is reviewed to identify patterns, trends, and challenges in the evolution of PE curricula. Comparative analysis is used to juxtapose global reform models (Canada, UK, Australia) with the Indian experience, highlighting similarities, divergences, and lessons for implementation. A policy analysis method is also employed to interpret the provisions of NEP 2020 in light of outcome-based education and holistic pedagogical theories.

### Data Sources

**The research primarily uses secondary data sources, including:**

- Policy documents such as the National Education Policy (2020), National Curriculum Frameworks (2005, 2023), and World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on physical activity.
- Scholarly books and peer-reviewed articles on Physical Education pedagogy, curriculum design, and outcome-based education (e.g., Whitehead's work on physical literacy, Spady's outcome-based education model).
- Reports and working papers from international bodies like UNESCO and OECD, which provide comparative insights into global curriculum reforms.
- Empirical studies and case analyses published in journals of Physical Education, sports sciences, and educational policy.

The use of multiple sources ensures methodological triangulation, which enhances the reliability and validity of findings by corroborating evidence across diverse materials.

### Scope of the Study

The scope of the research is twofold. At the global level, it reviews significant reform trajectories in selected countries with advanced PE policies, namely Canada, the UK, and



Australia. These contexts are chosen because of their explicit emphasis on physical literacy and competency-based education, which serve as benchmarks for reform. At the national level, the focus is on India, specifically on how NEP 2020 redefines PE within the broader educational landscape. The analysis is limited to school and college-level education, as these are the primary sites where PE reforms are formalized and implemented.

### Limitations

This study acknowledges several limitations. First, given the recent introduction of NEP 2020, there is limited empirical evidence on its long-term impact. As such, the study relies more on theoretical expectations and policy analysis rather than outcome-based data. Second, disparities in regional implementation across India owing to variations in infrastructure, teacher training, and socio-cultural contexts are difficult to capture comprehensively within the scope of a single study. Third, while international comparisons provide useful insights, contextual differences between India and developed nations may limit the direct transferability of reform models.

Despite these limitations, the methodology provides a robust framework for analyzing the philosophical, pedagogical, and policy dimensions of PE curriculum reforms. By drawing from both global and Indian perspectives, the study situates its findings within a comprehensive analytical framework, thereby contributing meaningfully to ongoing debates in Physical Education and curriculum studies.

### Discussion and Analysis

#### Traditional versus Reformed Curricula

The traditional curriculum of Physical Education was primarily designed to produce discipline, athletic performance, and bodily control. Activities were regimented, teacher-centered, and evaluated on quantifiable performance indicators such as strength, speed, or mastery of specific skills. While this approach instilled discipline and structure, it also limited the scope of PE to a narrow set of goals. Students who were not athletically inclined were often marginalized, leading to exclusion rather than inclusion. Moreover, traditional curricula were rigid and failed to adapt to societal changes, such as the increasing prevalence of sedentary lifestyles, stress-related disorders, and the need for psychosocial resilience.

In contrast, reformed curricula place the learner at the center, emphasizing inclusivity, holistic development, and lifelong physical literacy. Outcome-Based Education (OBE) has become the dominant framework guiding reforms, ensuring that PE is aligned with competencies rather than rote physical performance. Instead of focusing solely on elite athletes, modern curricula aim to equip every student with the motivation, confidence, and skills to remain active throughout life. This shift from performance-based to participation-based models reflects a broader reorientation of education towards equity and holistic human development.

#### Pedagogical Innovations in Reformed Curricula

A significant hallmark of PE curriculum reform has been the introduction of student-centered pedagogy. Traditional teacher-dominated instruction has given way to methods that engage students in active learning, critical thinking, and self-reflection. Cooperative learning models, for instance, encourage teamwork, communication, and problem-solving by having students work together on tasks rather than

compete against one another. Similarly, the Sport Education Model (SEM), introduced by Siedentop (1994), structures PE lessons around authentic sporting experiences where students assume roles such as players, referees, and coaches. This model not only develops physical competence but also nurtures leadership, responsibility, and social cohesion.

In India, the NEP 2020 explicitly advocates for activity-based and experiential learning, marking a significant departure from earlier rote and drill-oriented approaches. By encouraging teachers to integrate yoga, indigenous games, and fitness activities with mainstream education, the policy reflects an appreciation of cultural diversity alongside modern pedagogical needs. However, implementation remains uneven, with many schools continuing to follow outdated practices due to limited training and resistance to change.

#### Reforms in Assessment Practices

Assessment has historically been one of the weakest links in PE curricula. Traditional systems measured performance primarily through standardized tests such as running times, flexibility measures, or skill demonstrations that reinforced exclusionary practices. These assessments overlooked broader learning outcomes such as teamwork, resilience, or health literacy.

Reformed curricula have redefined assessment practices to align with holistic outcomes. Competency-based assessment frameworks evaluate students on multiple dimensions: physical, cognitive, affective, and social. For example, in Canada's Physical and Health Education standards, assessment is not limited to physical competence but extends to understanding health concepts, demonstrating social responsibility, and exhibiting motivation for lifelong activity. Similarly, Australia's curriculum emphasizes formative assessments that provide feedback for improvement rather than summative judgments of ability.

In the Indian context, the NEP 2020 emphasizes "formative, competency-based, and holistic assessments," aiming to shift away from purely exam-centric evaluation. This vision, if effectively implemented, could transform PE by validating a wide range of outcomes, including participation, creativity, and emotional well-being. However, the lack of standardized rubrics and limited teacher preparedness pose significant barriers to realizing these goals.

#### Integration of Technology in Physical Education

Technology integration represents a major frontier in PE curriculum reforms. In the past, PE was largely confined to physical spaces such as gymnasiums and fields, with limited connection to broader technological or cognitive domains. However, the digital revolution has transformed PE pedagogy, enabling innovative practices such as wearable fitness trackers, mobile applications for activity monitoring, and gamified exercise platforms.

Globally, several countries have embraced technology-enhanced PE. In the United States, for instance, digital platforms are used to monitor student activity levels and provide personalized feedback. Gamification through exergames such as Wii Fit or Just Dance has been employed to make PE more engaging, particularly for students who may not thrive in traditional sports. In Australia and the UK, blended models combine face-to-face instruction with online fitness modules, reflecting the broader trend of digital learning in education.

In India, NEP 2020 envisions the use of technology to enhance PE, particularly through the integration of digital

resources in rural and resource-poor settings. Initiatives such as Fit India Movement apps already promote activity tracking and awareness campaigns. Nevertheless, the digital divide remains a major challenge. Students from underprivileged backgrounds may lack access to devices or internet connectivity, raising concerns of equity in technologically driven reforms.

### **Inclusivity and Equity in Physical Education Reforms**

One of the most significant shifts in modern PE curriculum reforms is the emphasis on equity and inclusivity. Traditional PE often privileged athleticism, leaving behind students with disabilities, girls, and those from marginalized socio-economic backgrounds. Research consistently shows that exclusionary practices in PE contribute to negative self-concepts, lack of participation, and long-term disengagement from physical activity (Haegele and Kirk 2015) [3].

Reformed curricula have sought to address these issues by adopting inclusive pedagogies and universal design principles. For instance, adaptive physical education programs in the United States ensure that students with disabilities receive modified activities tailored to their needs. Similarly, gender-sensitive approaches in Scandinavian countries promote equal participation of boys and girls, breaking stereotypes around “masculine” and “feminine” sports.

In the Indian context, inclusivity remains both a challenge and an opportunity. NEP 2020 emphasizes equity by calling for the integration of students with disabilities, the promotion of indigenous games accessible to all, and the dismantling of gender barriers in sports participation. However, practical implementation faces hurdles such as inadequate infrastructure, lack of teacher training in adaptive PE, and entrenched social norms. Achieving true inclusivity will require systemic investments and shifts in cultural attitudes toward physical activity.

### **The Impact of NEP 2020 on Physical Education**

The National Education Policy 2020 represents a landmark in Indian educational reforms, offering a paradigm shift for Physical Education. Unlike earlier policies, which treated PE as an ancillary subject, NEP 2020 integrates fitness and sports into the very core of school and higher education curricula. It stresses daily physical activity, holistic assessments, and the incorporation of yoga and traditional games alongside modern sports.

#### **NEP 2020's vision of PE can be understood through three key dimensions:**

- **Holistic Development:** PE is redefined as integral to overall learning outcomes, contributing to cognitive, emotional, and social growth in addition to physical health.
- **Interdisciplinary Linkages:** The policy encourages integration of PE with health education, environmental sustainability, and even arts, recognizing the interconnectedness of human development.
- **Outcome-Based Orientation:** Consistent with global trends, NEP 2020 aligns PE with competencies such as physical literacy, resilience, teamwork, and lifelong fitness.

Initial implementation efforts, such as the Fit India Movement and integration of physical activity into daily school timetables, reflect these priorities. However, challenges such as uneven infrastructure, insufficient staffing, and resistance

from academically oriented stakeholders limit the pace of change. Without consistent policy support and monitoring, the ambitious goals of NEP 2020 risk remaining aspirational rather than transformative.

### **Strengths and Challenges of Curriculum Reforms**

The strengths of contemporary PE reforms are evident in their expanded vision and inclusivity. By emphasizing physical literacy, holistic assessments, and integration with digital technologies, reformed curricula address twenty-first-century challenges such as sedentary lifestyles and declining mental health. The recognition of PE as a vital component of lifelong well-being represents a major philosophical advance over the performance-driven paradigms of the past.

Nevertheless, significant challenges persist. Implementation gaps are a recurring concern, particularly in resource-constrained contexts like India. Teacher training remains inadequate, with many educators unprepared to adopt student-centered pedagogy or inclusive practices. Similarly, infrastructural deficits ranging from the absence of playgrounds in urban schools to lack of equipment in rural areas undermine the effectiveness of reforms. Resistance from parents and policymakers, who continue to prioritize academic achievement over physical activity, further complicates implementation.

Globally, another challenge is the measurement of holistic outcomes. While it is relatively straightforward to assess physical performance through standardized tests, evaluating competencies such as motivation, teamwork, or resilience requires nuanced tools and sustained teacher engagement. Many education systems are still grappling with designing and standardizing such assessments.

### **Policy Implications and the Way Forward**

The trajectory of curriculum reforms in PE underscores the need for sustained policy support and multi-stakeholder collaboration. At the policy level, governments must allocate adequate resources to infrastructure, teacher training, and research in PE pedagogy. Curriculum designers should ensure flexibility, allowing for local adaptations that accommodate cultural diversity and resource variations.

In India, specifically, achieving the goals of NEP 2020 will require a phased, context-sensitive approach. Teacher education programs must be restructured to include training in adaptive PE, inclusive practices, and digital pedagogy. Collaboration with NGOs, sports federations, and community organizations can help bridge resource gaps and expand opportunities for participation. Finally, public awareness campaigns are essential to shift societal attitudes and underscore the importance of physical activity as central to education and human flourishing.

Globally, the policy implications extend to strengthening international collaboration in PE research and practice. Comparative studies can generate valuable insights into effective models, while international bodies like UNESCO and WHO can play pivotal roles in setting global benchmarks. By aligning national reforms with these benchmarks, countries can ensure that PE contributes not only to individual well-being but also to broader social and public health outcomes.

### **Summary of Findings**

#### **The discussion highlights several critical insights:-**

- Traditional PE curricula were limited by their narrow focus on performance and competition, often excluding

non-athletic students.

- Reformed curricula, guided by outcome-based and holistic frameworks, prioritize inclusivity, lifelong activity, and psychosocial development.
- Pedagogical innovations such as cooperative learning and technology integration have expanded the scope of PE.
- NEP 2020 represents a significant reform in India, but its success hinges on addressing infrastructural and cultural barriers.
- The sustainability of reforms depends on policy support, teacher training, and societal recognition of PE's educational value.

## Conclusion

The trajectory of curriculum reforms in Physical Education reflects the broader evolution of education itself from a narrow emphasis on performance and competition toward a holistic model that recognizes the physical, mental, emotional, and social dimensions of human development. Traditional approaches, while valuable in promoting athleticism, often marginalized non-athletic students and overlooked inclusivity, adaptability, and lifelong health. Contemporary reforms have attempted to correct these shortcomings by grounding PE within frameworks such as physical literacy, outcome-based education, and holistic well-being.

Globally, reforms have emphasized inclusive pedagogies, innovative use of technology, and assessment models that prioritize personal growth alongside physical competence. These transformations have also aligned PE with pressing twenty-first-century challenges, such as sedentary lifestyles, mental health concerns, and the need for global citizenship skills like teamwork and resilience.

In India, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 marks a turning point by embedding physical activity within the educational mainstream. The policy's insistence on equity, interdisciplinarity, and holistic development reaffirms PE's role in nation-building and individual empowerment. However, the success of NEP 2020 and similar reforms worldwide depends on overcoming persistent barriers: limited infrastructure, inadequate teacher training, cultural resistance, and challenges in evaluating holistic outcomes.

The evidence examined in this paper underscores that curriculum reforms in PE are not merely academic exercises but crucial interventions shaping healthier, more resilient societies. By ensuring that all students regardless of gender, ability, or background have equitable access to meaningful physical activity, education systems can foster not just fitter individuals but more cohesive, inclusive, and sustainable communities.

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