

“I think this is an exciting product, especially for the population we’re dealing with. Our kids won’t get exposed to golf unless we bring it to them.”

– Margaret Hively, P.E. Teacher, Lake Trafford Elementary

Several key objectives

help guide The First Tee to mainstream golf and its positive values in schools.

Provide a complete golf program appropriate for today’s elementary school physical education students and teachers

Enable physical educators to introduce golf, in a developmentally appropriate manner, consistent with national standards developed by NASPE

Develop student appreciation for the positive personal and social values associated with the game with each lesson

Engage students in daily lesson activities that lead to motor skill development

Present golf to students as a lifelong recreation and physical fitness activity

The focus of The First Tee National School Program

is to establish a lifelong interest in golf by engaging young people in a structured golf curriculum that promotes personal character development within a physical education setting.

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Launched in 2004, The First Tee **National School Program** trains physical educators to introduce children to the game of golf and The First Tee Nine Core Values during regular physical education classes.

With more than **4,000 participating elementary** schools and support from the PGA TOUR and a growing number of tournaments and other sponsors, the National School Program has established an impressive number of golf industry partnerships that encourage students to pursue their interest in golf and adopt its **values beyond the classroom.**



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THE COMPONENTS

Participating schools are provided with the necessary elements to deliver the program including equipment, a curriculum manual and either online or in-person training.

Starting New At Golf (SNAG)® Equipment

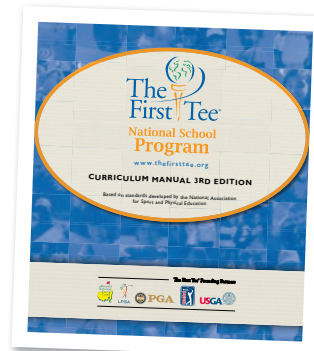
SNAG equipment is the introductory golf equipment utilized by The First Tee. Durable and safe for indoor or outdoor use, SNAG is modified, developmentally appropriate golf equipment consisting of colorful oversized clubs, tennis-style balls and a variety of targets. The introductory clubs are replicas of two basic traditional golf clubs, a putter and wedge. The heads are purposefully large and provide a hitting surface proportionately larger than the ball for easy learning and high success. Available for both right-handed and left-handed students, the equipment set includes 70 clubs, 14 targets and 200 balls and is configured to teach up to 48 students per class.



Curriculum Manual

The curriculum is written to align with national physical education standards established by the National

Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). By following NASPE guidelines, the National School Program is designed to fit in schools' physical education settings and addresses class time, large class sizes and other parameters unique to elementary physical education programs.



The manual includes 24 detailed lesson plans on laminated cards for grades K-5, and an information handbook explaining teaching methods, safety and class management procedures. Assessment charts and other helpful information are also included with each manual.

Training

Two forms of training are offered to prepare physical educators to teach the program. The interactive online training program includes video of actual physical education teacher lessons, excerpts from the curriculum manual, review questions and testing. Physical educators are provided with the same information presented during in-person trainings.

In-person trainings are conducted by The First Tee's certified trainers and are available for school districts with signed contracts for ten or more schools. These professional development training sessions are four hours and include activity demonstrations, hands-on participation, lesson plan set up and testing.

"Our students have embraced the program! The lesson plans are very user friendly."

- Casey Newsome, P.E. Teacher, Whale Branch Elementary