Remote physical education during the coronavirus pandemic. A discourse analysis of how students are positioned on Padlet webpages



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Background

There is a need for research on the social construction of digitally mediated remote PE during the coronavirus pandemic and its consequences for students.

Purpose

Following a poststructuralist perspective, we investigate how students are positioned as subjects of remote PE through the discursive practices articulated on Padlet.com webpages, which served as important hubs of German-speaking PE during the pandemic.

Method

A discourse analysis of a sample of 14 webpages with a combined number of 755 posts was conducted.

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Results

Doing something during lockdown

Exercising, performing, and fit

Students as subjects of remote PE Using suggestions individually and self-responsibly

Able bodied, sporty, and stereotypically gendered

Discussion

We discuss the narrow possibilities of becoming intelligible as an appropriate subject of remote PE and argue that better understanding PE-related online cultures is a crucial task for sports pedagogical research and practice going forward.