CPS Takes Classroom Outdoors, Enlists Athletes For "Science Of Sports"

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CHICAGO (WBBM) - Physics and kinesiology can be boring if it only involves reading from a textbook.

So, Chicago Public Schools moved its classroom outdoors and spiced up the course materials. “The Science Of Sports” class explored why skates glide on ice, why baseballs curve and featured a gummy bear long jump, among other nontraditional science projects.

Physics, of course, is the science of matter and energy and of interactions between the two. Kinesiology is the study of the anatomy, physiology, and mechanics of body movement, especially in humans.

The day-long event at Malcolm X College on Saturday also featured Olympic and paraolympic athletes, the mascot from the Chicago Fire soccer team and lots of people walking around in lab coats.

Executive Director Scott Meyers of World Sports Chicago says the Chicago Public Schools students who attended may not have realized they were in class.

CPS students who attended are eligible for extra credit.

Organizers say the city’s 2016 Olympic bid will help broaden students interest in sports and maybe science as well.
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