

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

In the State of Ohio, students are required to complete one-half unit of physical education for graduation. One-half unit requires a minimum of 120 hours of course instruction. In the Oak Hills Local School District, this graduation requirement is met by student completion of a full-year course, with a half credit.

EXEMPTION TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENT (based upon Section 3313.603 of the Ohio Revised Code, Letter L)

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, students who will graduate in 2019 and beyond in the Oak Hills Local School District in grades 9-12 and who successfully complete two full seasons of interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading may be excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement. The “two full season” requirement may be completed within a single school year. According to Ohio Revised Code, boards of education may NOT provide for partial completion of the high school physical education requirement; therefore, the one-half unit requirement cannot be partially exempted. For example, it is not possible to combine one semester of a physical education course with successful completion of one athletic, marching band, or cheerleading season to meet the physical education graduation requirement.

IMPACT ON OVERALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Those students excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement are required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least 60 hours of instruction, in another course of study, as determined by the student. Those students excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement are still required to meet all other graduation requirements established by the Oak Hills Local School District.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A SEASON

Successful completion of a season, in the case of interscholastic athletics, means that a student is both a member of the team or group and is eligible for end of season awards/recognition. Formal starting dates for interscholastic athletics are determined by the OHSA. Starting dates for marching band and cheerleading will be determined by the respective advisors; the starting date may be inclusive of mandatory camps.

RECOGNIZED ACTIVITIES		
BASEBALL	GOLF	SOFTBALL
BASKETBALL	GYMNASTICS	SWIMMING & DIVING
BOWLING	JROTC	TENNIS
CROSS COUNTRY	LACROSSE	TRACK AND FIELD
CHEERLEADING	MARCHING BAND (HIGHLANDER OR COMPETITIVE)	VOLLEYBALL
FOOTBALL	SOCCER	WRESTLING

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PROCESS FOR EXEMPTION FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, MARCHING BAND AND CHEERLEADING

1. At the end of each season, the athletic office and the music (marching band) department will provide District Office with a list of students who have successfully completed the full season of the activity.
2. That list will be kept and updated each season and school year at District Office.
3. Once a student has completed BOTH SEASONS NECESSARY TO BE EXEMPT FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION, the student will then turn in a Physical Education Waiver.
4. The Physical Education Waiver will list the two sports/band/cheerleading seasons completed, the year(s)/season(s) of participation, and the form will be turned into the Counseling Department.
5. The Physical Education Waiver will then be cross-checked with the information provided by the athletic/band departments each season.
6. It is the responsibility of the student to turn in the form to the Counseling Department. **THIS WILL NOT BE DONE AUTOMATICALLY FOR THE STUDENT.**

NOTE: Please be aware that this exemption may not transfer should a student transfer to a different school district with different policies.

NOTE: Students do not receive Physical Education credit when they turn in a PE Waiver. They are simply being exempted from the graduation requirement of the credit.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER FORM

Once a student has met the “Successful Completion of a Season” expectations **TWO TIMES** in some combination of interscholastic athletics, marching band, and/or cheerleading, the form below should be completed and returned to the Counseling Department to request exemption from the high school physical education graduation requirement.

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STUDENT LAST NAME

STUDENT FIRST NAME

STUDENT ID

SEASON #1

SPORT/ACTIVITY

SCHOOL YEAR PARTICIPATION

GRADE LEVEL

SEASON #2

SPORT/ACTIVITY

SCHOOL YEAR PARTICIPATION

GRADE LEVEL

In making this request for exemption from physical education as a graduation requirement, I understand all expectations related to the “two full season” requirement.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE