

Physical Education Waiver

Beginning with the 2019-20 school year and under allowances provided in ORC 3313.603, United Local High School students (9-12) may apply for a Physical Education Waiver, excusing qualified students from the physical education requirement for graduation. To qualify, a student in grades nine through twelve must have successfully completed two seasons of interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading. Students completing two seasons in any combination of the these activities are eligible to apply for the Phys. Ed. Waiver. This waiver does not grant a grade nor a credit for successfully completing two seasons of the mentioned activities. If the Waiver is used for the required $\frac{1}{2}$ credit of Phys. Ed., the student will still need a total of 21 credits to graduate from United Local High School. This form needs to be completed and signed immediately following the completion of the two activities. Should a student become injured or not complete the season for ANY reason, he/she must find an alternate way to satisfy the Phys. Ed. Requirement. Participation in United Local athletics, marching band, or cheerleading prior to the 2019-2020 school year cannot not apply. See your guidance counselor or principal if you have questions.



STUDENT: (please print) _____ **Signature:** _____

Today's Date: _____ **Current Grade Level** _____ **Graduation Year** _____

PARENT: (please print) _____ **Signature:** _____

VERIFICATION COMPLETION

Activity #1 _____ **Season Completed** _____
(Which Sport, or Marching Band, or Cheerleading?) (ex. Fall / 2019)

I verify that this student has completed the entire season in good standing. (signature required - Athletic Director or Band Director)
X _____ Date _____

Activity #2 _____ **Season Completed** _____
(Which Sport, or Marching Band, or Cheerleading?) (ex. Winter / 2019)

I verify that this student has completed the entire season in good standing. (signature required - Athletic Director or Band Director)
X _____ Date _____

Office Use Only:

1. Counselor Initial: _____ Date: _____

2. Recorded in EMIS: _____ Date: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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. At United Local School District, this graduation requirement is met by the student completing two semester courses, each worth a quarter credit.

EXEMPTION TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

(based upon Section 3313.603 of the Ohio Revised Code, Letter L)

Students in grades 9-12 at United Local High School 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 chosen 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 United 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 full 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 are determined by the respective advisors; the starting date may be inclusive of mandatory camps.

RECOGNIZED ACTIVITIES

In addition to cheerleading and marching band, interscholastic athletic teams currently recognized by the Ohio High School Athletic Association at United Local High School include:

Baseball	Cross Country	Soccer	Track
Basketball	Football	Softball	Volleyball
Bowling	Golf	Tennis	Wrestling

PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXEMPTION FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, MARCHING BAND, AND CHEERLEADING

1. Once a student has completed BOTH SEASONS NECESSARY TO BE EXEMPT FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION, the student will then turn in this completed Physical Education Waiver Form.
2. The Physical Education Waiver Form will list the two sports/band/cheerleading seasons completed, the year(s)/season(s) of participation, required signatures, and the form will be turned into the Guidance Counselor's office.
3. The Physical Education Waiver will be verified in cooperation with the Athletic Director and/or Band Director.
4. It is the responsibility of the student to turn in this form to the counseling office. 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 the P.E. Waiver. They are simply being exempted from the graduation requirement of the credit.

Effective: 8/1/2019