

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER POLICY

The Ohio Core curriculum permits school districts and community schools to permit a school board to adopt a policy to excuse from physical education students who have participated in high school interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons.

Columbia Local Schools will not require a student to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate high school if they have participated in high school interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons. However, the student must complete one-half unit of at least 60 hours of instruction in another course of study.

In order to be eligible for a Physical Education Waiver at Columbia High School, students must complete a full season of marching band, cheerleading, or high school interscholastic athletics. Students then must complete the "Physical Education Waiver Form" which can be picked up in the guidance office. It is the responsibility of the student to gather signatures and submit the form attached to this policy to the guidance office when completed. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Forms are due in the guidance office immediately after the season has ended for each physical education waiver requested.

Students must apply for the waiver prior to the start of the school year. Two waivers can be earned in one academic year. If a student has not completed the one-half credit requirement or has not turned in the waiver form by his or her senior year, he or she will be scheduled into a physical education class during their senior year.

Students will not be awarded credit for the physical education classes that are waived. Instead, he or she will have met the requirements dictated by the State of Ohio for physical education waivers. Students are expected to take one-half credit of an elective to replace the one-half credit previously earned by physical education to ensure that the student earns 22 credits needed to graduate. The student's transcript will read physical education waiver for each interscholastic athletic, cheerleading, or band waiver earned. A minimum of one and a maximum of two waivers are possible per student.

If a student is injured during the course of the season he or she is still expected to attend practices, meetings, and games that are not limited by the medical illness or injury throughout the remainder of the season to qualify for the waiver. Failure to meet this requirement would nullify the potential for a physical education waiver. A student who quits or is dismissed from the team is ineligible to earn the physical education waiver for the season in question. This includes dismissal for violating team, athletic department, or school rules.

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