

CPS Exemption To The Physical Education Graduation Requirements

Who is eligible for PE credit/waiver?

Students in the Cincinnati City School District (CPS) in grades 9, 10, and 11 may be excused from the high school physical education (.5) unit requirement if they successfully complete two full seasons of interscholastic athletics*, marching band, show choir or cheerleading. The two full season requirement *may* be completed within one school year. **The two full season requirement must be completed by the end of the student's junior year.**

Partial waivers may not be granted. A student may be waived from the physical education requirement ONLY if two seasons are successfully completed.

In order to successfully complete a season a student must participate with a 90% attendance level AND complete the season as a member of the team or group. The 90% participation requirement applies to a student who transfers to CPS during a season. If the transfer student is capable of completing 90% of all the activities for the entire season, then that student may be exempted from the physical education requirement.

*To be considered an interscholastic athletic team, the team must be a student activity program that a school district sponsors and does not include an activity included in a graded course of study.

Interscholastic Athletic Teams must: represent the school (all participants must also be from the school), be organized and supervised by the school, be fully funded by the school, and compete against other school-based teams throughout a full season. The following sports teams at Walnut Hills are eligible for the PE waiver:

Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheer, Cross Country, Dance, Dive, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Football, Golf, Marching Band, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swim, Track, Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo, Wrestling

What is the procedure for students who would like to receive this exemption?

1. The attached document is completed by the student/parent that is interested in waiving their high school physical education graduation requirement.
2. This document is submitted for signatures to the AD (Ms. Steele, 2404) for season verification that they completed **two** full seasons of their respective sport/activity and the PE Dept. Lead (Ms. Lloyd, 1821) for documentation.
3. This document is submitted to the School Counselor to formally request the exemption. Forms must be submitted by the last day of school in order to be applied to the upcoming school year (i.e. turned in by May 22, 2025 in order to count towards the 2025-26 school year). **NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR RISING SENIORS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THEIR JUNIOR YEAR** (i.e. forms submitted after May WILL NOT be accepted, and the PE requirement must be fulfilled to graduate).
4. After this document is submitted, you should receive a copy for your records and the counselor will keep the original for processing.

Parents/Students with Questions about PE CREDIT/WAIVER PROCESS

All students/parents should track their progress and participation in a sport or marching band and make sure they meet the needed requirements. The Athletic Department, PowerSchool Coordinator, and School Counselors will not post any information on this during the school year. All questions about the PE Credit/Waiver process should be answered from this document.

Ohio Dept. of Education Physical Education Graduation Requirements

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Physical-Education/Physical-Education-Waiver-Requirements>

Exemption To The Physical Education Graduation Requirements Board Policy

<http://www.boarddocs.com/oh/cps/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AGF62312BEED>



**CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER**



Students in the Cincinnati Public School District in **grades 9-11** who successfully complete two full seasons of interscholastic athletics (*please make note of the official definition of interscholastic athletics as defined by ODE*), marching band, or cheerleading may be excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement.

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, this form should be completed, signed by the Athletic Director/Coach and PE Teacher and returned to the School Counselor to request exemption from the high school physical education graduation requirement. **A completed form should be placed in the student’s cumulative record for both Season #1 and Season #2.**

Student Last Name

Student First Name

Student ID

Season #1:

School Year Participation

Grade Level

Sport/Activity

Season #2:

School Year Participation

Grade Level

Sport/Activity

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

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Approved:

PE Dept. Teacher Signature

Date

Athletic Director/Coach Signature

Date

School Counselor: Please place a copy of this form in the student’s cumulative record for Season #1 and Season #2. When both seasons are completed, the physical education credit waiver should be included in the course history by entering PE Flex Credit course number **08FL1000**.