

Graham Local School District HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.603 and Graham Local Board of Education Policy, Graham High School students may be excused from all physical education course requirements by participating in district-sponsored high school interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons while enrolled in high school and prior to entering their senior or last year of school. Students in grade 12 who have not completed the waiver requirements or taken a physical education course will be automatically enrolled in physical education their senior year.

Ohio Revised Code defines district-sponsored interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading as any high school athletic team, high school cheerleading squad, or high school marching band that participates in the district's regular athletic season(s) and is operated under the supervision of a Board employee. Club activities and/or club sports are not considered part of the district-sponsored athletics, marching band, or cheerleading.

Since the overall required 21 credit graduation requirement is not changing, those student enrolled in the PE waiver will need to take additional district-recognized course(s) to reach the required 21 credits.

Students who wish to use the PE waiver must complete the waiver form **prior to the first regular season contest of the season in which they are participating in the activity**. This form will then be verified by the athletic director or band director to document full participation throughout the season.

Procedure for Documenting Physical Education Course Exemption

1. Students must complete and submit a PE waiver registration form in order to participate in the PE waiver program. Forms can be obtained in the Guidance Office or from the district website.
2. Completed forms will be kept in the Guidance Office until the season is completed. Forms will then be verified by the athletic director or band director and returned to the Guidance Office.
3. After completion of the second full season, the guidance counselor will add the PE Waiver to the student's official transcript.

Ohio Revised Code mandates participation in at least two (2) full seasons of an approved sport, cheerleading, or marching band in order to waive the PE requirement. **Participation in only one (1) full season cannot be combined with 0.25 credits of PE to meet the PE requirement for graduation.**

The PE Waiver option for Graham High School students is effective beginning with the 2015-2016 fall sports season. Participation in athletics, marching band, or cheerleading prior to the 2015-2016 fall sports season do not count toward the PE Waiver.

Graham Local School District PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER APPLICATION FORM

Instructions: Complete the front of this form and submit it to the Guidance Office PRIOR to the first regular season contest.

Student Name: _____ Expected Graduation Year: _____
(Please print name)

Activity: _____ Season and Year: _____
(Sport, Marching Band, or Cheerleading) Fall, Winter, Spring and Year

- I understand that I must complete two full seasons of an approved interscholastic sport, cheerleading, or marching band.
- I understand that a full season is defined as one sport season (fall, winter or spring) that begins with the established OHSAA season start date or one academic season of marching band.
- I understand that if I am cut, quit, become academically ineligible, or am removed from the team, the waiver applied for that year will no longer be valid.
- I understand that by receiving this waiver, I will need to complete one additional half-credit course and it will be noted on my transcript that I have completed the Physical Education requirement via waiver.

By signing this form, I verify that I have read and understand the criteria regarding the Physical Education Waiver.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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This portion should be completed by the Athletic/Band Director.

Verification that the above named student has successfully completed the listed season of activity.

Activity: _____ Date of Completion: _____

Athletic Director or Band Director Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signed copy to be sent to Guidance Office for student file.