

# **Boardman High School Physical Education Waiver**

In accordance with Senate Bill 311, students in grades 9-10 may be excused from the physical education (PE) requirement for graduation by participating in Boardman Local School District sponsored interscholastic sports, marching band, cheerleading (2 seasons) or a combination of activities **not** within the same season. If the PE requirement is waived, the student will be required to complete one half credit in another course of study.

**THIS WAIVER IS AVAILABLE TO JUNIORS ON A LIMITED, CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, WITH PRIOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL.**

Should a student not complete a season for any reason, he/she must find an alternate way to satisfy the PE requirement. If a student is injured during the competitive portion of a season, he/she may still complete the season by attending all practices, games, performances, or any other team commitments for the remainder of the season. Participation in Boardman athletics, marching band, or cheerleading prior to the fall season of the 2018-2019 school year does not apply. Participation in district athletics, marching band, and/or cheerleading is a privilege, not a right. This waiver policy should not in any way be construed as granting a student the right to participate in such district-sponsored activities. In addition, any student participating in the waiver policy will be subject to any athletic fees and required drug testing.

## **Procedures:**

- 1. Prior to participating in a full season of a sport, marching band, or cheerleading, and at or before, but not later than, the coordinating season parent athletic meeting, the student should complete and turn in the PE Waiver Application Form to his/her guidance counselor.**
- 2. PE Waiver Application Forms will be kept in the guidance office; all forms must be signed by students and parents and verified by the coach, director, or advisor at the completion of the season.**
- 3. The guidance counselor will add the PE Waiver to the student's transcripts.**

**Note: This PE Waiver Requirement mandates participation in two (2) full seasons of athletics, cheerleading, and/or marching band. Partial season participation cannot be combined with .25 credits of PE class as a means for reaching graduation requirements.**

Any student who is unable to complete the PE waiver requirement by the beginning of his/her junior year will be scheduled into the necessary PE classes. Participation in athletics, cheerleading, or marching band will not qualify for the waiver during a student's junior year without the prior written permission of the administration.

## **Approved Interscholastic Athletic Teams:**

Baseball	Basketball	Bowling	Cross Country
Football	Golf	Soccer	Swimming/Diving
Tennis	Outdoor Track	Volleyball	Wrestling
Lacrosse	Softball	Cheerleading	

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What constitutes a “full season” in Boardman Local Schools?**

A full season for athletic/cheerleading purposes is defined by the OHSAA as from the first day of practice until the last event of the regular season. A full season of marching band will be defined from the first day of summer practice, must include band camp, until the completion of the last marching band performance.

### **For Physical Education (PE) Waiver, will other activities (show choirs, non school-sponsored athletics, etc.) which involve physical activity on the part of students be counted toward the two semesters of PE?**

No. The statute specifically limits the participation to interscholastic athletics, marching band, cheerleading. There is no authority granted to a board of education to include any additional participation.

### **A student has participated in athletics, cheerleading, and/or marching band (2 seasons), but did not complete a PE Waiver request in advance of that participation. Can the student seek to receive credit retroactively?**

No.

### **Are there any other requirements students must meet beyond the required participation in interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, and/or marching band?**

Yes. Exempted students must also complete one half credit in another curricular area. This one half credit in another curricular area maintains the 20 required credits for graduation.

### **What if a student is cut or ruled academically ineligible (quarterly), quits, or has an athletic/activity code violation during the season?**

The PE Waiver requires participation for at least two full seasons for athletics, cheerleading, and/or marching band. The season during which a student is cut or ruled academically ineligible (quarterly), quits, or has an athletic/activity code/drug violation may be used to meet the two season requirement depending on the severity of the violation, the timing of the violation, and the number of contests/performance impacted. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the administration.

### **If a student participates in only one full season of an approved athletic, cheerleading, or marching band activity, can the student be excused from .25 units of PE and thus have to take only .25 units of PE to complete his or her PE requirement under the Ohio Core?**

No. The statute makes no provision in the law that would permit any type of a partial waiver.

### **What happens if a student is injured during the season?**

Injury will not prevent the completion of one season if it occurs after the first official competition, and if the coach/ director certifies that the student still attended all mandatory practices, games, and team related activities.

### **Can team managers or statisticians complete the waiver?**

No, team managers and statisticians are not eligible for the waiver. Only students physically participating in interscholastic athletics, marching band, and cheerleading are eligible.

### **What if a student is “cut” from a team, can he/she join another team that same season and have that count as a season toward the PE Waiver?**

Yes. As long as the student is able to join the team within three school days after being cut, and the PE Waiver form is immediately updated.

### **Can a transfer student use previous extracurriculars to satisfy the Boardman High School PE Waiver requirement?**

It depends. If your former school **did not** have a PE Waiver available, then you could submit the Boardman forms with written verification from your former school administrator for Boardman Administrative review for athletics/activities beginning with the fall season of 2018. If your former school had a PE Waiver available and you elected not to request it there, then you **cannot** request it at Boardman retroactively. Boardman High School will honor any officially transcribed PE Waivers.

### **Can a student satisfy this credit by participating in two sports, cheerleading, marching band during the same season?**

No.

THIS SIDE TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND PARENT

**BOARDMAN HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that the following requirements must be fulfilled in order to receive the Physical Education Waiver for Boardman High School and State of Ohio graduation requirement of one half credit of physical education.

**STUDENT, PLEASE INITIAL ON THE LINE BELOW EACH STATEMENT**

→ I must complete TWO full seasons of approved interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, and/or marching band; these two activities ***cannot*** occur within the same season.

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→ 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 that begins with the first day of summer practice and concludes with final marching season performance.

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→ I understand that if I drop, get cut, or quit the activity during the season, or if I have a violation of the athletic code of conduct during the season, the waiver applied for that year may no longer be valid. Validity of the waiver will be determined by the administration.

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→ I understand that if I am ruled ineligible due to quarterly grades, the waiver applied for that year may no longer be valid depending on the timing of such ineligibility. This will be determined by the administration.

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→ I understand that by receiving this waiver, I will need to complete one additional half (.50) credit elective course, and it will be noted on my transcript that I have completed the physical education requirement via waiver.

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→ I understand participation in interscholastic athletics, marching band, and cheerleading is a privilege and not a right. This policy shall not in any way be construed as granting me the right to participate in such district sponsored activities. Board rules and policies including the Athletic Code of Conduct continue to apply. In addition, any student participating in this PE Waiver policy shall be subject to any associated fees, as well as drug testing.

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→ I understand that I am responsible for updating my PE Waiver immediately, and that its accuracy is ultimately my responsibility.

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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FILL OUT YOUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.**

**BOARDMAN HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADUATION YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEASON/YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETION SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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