

WHAT'S CHANGING IN OHIO EDUCATION

Physical Education Requirements

Physical education teaches students the importance and value of physically active lifestyles.

What is the graduation requirement?

Students need one-half unit, or credit, in physical education as one curriculum requirement for an Ohio high school diploma. All physical education courses require a minimum of 120 hours of course instruction to earn one-half unit of credit.

Exemption Policy

School districts may adopt a policy to exempt students who participate:

1) Two full seasons in:

Interscholastic athletics

Marching band

Cheerleading; or

2) Two full years in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

How do students make up the one-half credit needed for graduation?

Excused students must take another course, which cannot be a physical education course. This course must be at least 60 hours and can count as an elective.

For more information visit:

education.ohio.gov, search Physical Education frequently asked questions

One-half unit of physical education requires a minimum of 120 hours of instruction; one-half unit in all other curricular areas requires a minimum of 60 hours of instruction.

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Students may use a JROTC program to qualify for the physical education exemption. The credit for that participation does satisfy the requirement to complete one-half unit in another course of study.

Name _____ Graduation year _____ Sport(s) _____

I will follow the above physical education waiver by completing two full seasons of a sport or marching band. I understand if I do not complete two full seasons, I must earn .50 credit of physical education in order to meet the graduation requirement.

I understand that I must earn the .50 credit by completing another elective course.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____