

EXEMPTION TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

(Based upon Section 3313.603 of the Ohio Revised Code, Letter L)

In the State of Ohio, students are required to complete one-half unit of physical education for graduation. One-half unit requires a minimum of 120 hours of course instruction. At Bishop Fenwick High School, this graduation requirement is met when a student completes two semester courses, each worth a quarter credit.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, Bishop Fenwick students in grades 9-11 who successfully complete two full seasons of recognized school activities as outlined below may be excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement. However, prior participation in recognized activities cannot be retroactively used to fulfill waiver requirements. In addition, students entering their senior year who have not completed ALL waiver requirements will be placed in physical education classes immediately in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

The "Two Full Season" requirement can be completed within a single school year. According to Ohio Revised Code, boards of education may NOT provide for partial completion of the high school physical education requirement; therefore, the one-half unit requirement cannot be partially exempted. For example, it is not possible to combine one semester of a physical education course with successful completion of one athletic, marching band, or cheerleading season to meet the physical education graduation requirement.

IMPACT ON OVERALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Those students excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement are required to complete one-half unit, consisting of at least 60 hours of instruction, in another course of study, as determined by the student and parent in conjunction with school policy. Please note that students will not earn a letter grade when utilizing the P.E. exemption waiver. Students will accordingly satisfy their P.E. obligation.

Those students utilizing the P.E. Exemption are still required to meet all other graduation requirements established by Bishop Fenwick High School including the completion of 26 credits required for graduation.

RECOGNIZED ACTIVITIES

Bishop Fenwick High School recognizes that "Two Full Seasons" of appropriate participation in the following activities may be used to satisfy P.E. Waiver requirements:

Baseball	Color Guard	Softball
Basketball	Cross Country	Swimming
Band	Football	Tennis
Bowling	Golf	Track
Cheerleading	Lacrosse	Volleyball
Dance Team	Soccer	Wrestling

****Intramural sports or other club/non-school sponsored activities will not be approved****

PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXEMPTION

1. Student indicates desire to be exempt from Physical Education courses by choosing the P.E. Waiver option during course selection.
2. Once a student has completed one of two required seasons, the student will then submit the P.E. Exemption Waiver Form to the main office. The student is expected to complete and submit an additional form at the conclusion of the second sport season. Students are required to turn the completed form into the main office within (6) six weeks of the last contest or competition. It is the responsibility of the student to turn the form in. THIS WILL NOT BE DONE

AUTOMATICALLY FOR THE STUDENT. If the form is not turned in by the due date, they will lose that season of credit toward the waiver.

3. The Physical Education Exemption Form will then be reviewed by the athletic department, the appropriate coaches and school counselor for approval.

4. Once the appropriate exemption waiver documentation is approved, students will have fulfilled the necessary requirements for exemption.

** Please be aware that this exemption may not transfer should a student transfer to a different school district with different policies**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER FORM

Student Last Name (PRINT)

Student First Name (PRINT)

Season (Circle):

FALL

WINTER

SPRING

School Year Participation

Grade Level

Sport/Activity

Coach's Name

Coach's Signature

Date

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