

Indian Hill High School PE Waiver FAQs

What does the State say about policies that exempt students from Physical Education?

The board of education of each school district and the governing authority of each chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to excuse from the high school physical education requirement each student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two full. If the Board adopts such a policy, the Board shall not require the student to complete any Physical Education course as a condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete one--half credit in another course of study.

If a student participates in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading before the Board adopts the waiver policy, can those activities be applied?

No. Districts are not permitted to implement a retroactive policy. The two full seasons begin after the implementation date of the policy. PE Exemptions at Indian Hill High School will begin with Fall 2017 athletics. Athletic participation prior to Fall 2017 will not count toward the PE Exemption.

Can 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 Physical Education?

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

Are there any other requirements students must meet beyond the two full seasons of participation in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading?

Yes. Excused students also must complete one-half unit in another curricular area. While 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. This one-half unit in another curricular area keeps the minimum number of credits required for graduation at 22.

For Physical Education, what is the impact of being “cut” or quitting?

The statute requires participation “for at least two full seasons.” The season during which a student was “cut” or quit the activity could not be used to meet the two-season requirement.

What is the impact of being injured during the season?

If a student has participated less than 50% of a season due to ineligibility, suspension due to a Code of Conduct violation, or injury, the season cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement. A season begins on the official start date designated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for each sport. The season ends on the last regular scheduled game or contest.

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

No. The statute requires participation for at least two full seasons. There is no provision in the law that would permit any type of partial excuse.

If a student takes advantage of the PE waiver offered by Indian Hill High School, does the waiver transfer with the student if he or she moves to a district without PE waivers?

Students are subject to the graduation requirements of the district where they will graduate. In the case of a transfer student, the receiving district is not obligated to honor the PE waiver earned at Indian Hill High School. The district should count any non-PE credit the student earned as a condition for receiving the PE waiver while in the prior district, but the student will still need to earn the required PE credit as required by the new district.

How do I sign up for the PE Exemption?

PE Exemption Forms will be available during the registration meeting for all 8th grade students entering their 9th grade year. Students in grades 9 or 10 who are interested in applying for the PE Waiver should see their assigned high school counselor. Students must turn in the PE Exemption Form to their Counselor by the designated date on the form (March 20).

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Indian Hill High School Approved Interscholastic Athletics

- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Cross Country
- Boys Golf
- Girls Golf
- Football
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Volleyball
- Girls Tennis
- Boys Tennis
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Field Hockey
- Swimming
- Wrestling
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball
- Boys Track
- Girls Track
- Boys Lacrosse
- Girls Lacrosse
- Marching Band
- Cheerleading- Fall Season
- Cheerleading- Winter Season