

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT OPTION

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In lieu of one-half credit of physical education for purposes of high school graduation,

a student who meets all of the following requirements shall be eligible to complete an additional one-half credit course offered by the District in a subject area that may or may not be required for graduation. A student is eligible for this option under the following conditions:

- The student has participated in one or more approved school sponsored sports or other organized physical activities after the successful completion of 9th grade (5.5 credits).
- The student has participated in the approved sport/activity during a semester, or portion of a semester, in which the student is not enrolled in a for-credit physical education class that is required for graduation.

Approved school-sponsored sports and activities shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: WIAA sports, dance team, cheerleading, any club sports offered through the district.

If a student wishes to use participation in another sport or organized physical activity, other than those listed above, to establish eligibility for the physical education credit option, he/she shall seek approval from the High School Principal who shall compare the primary purpose, rigor, supervision/instruction, and frequency of practices and contests/performances of the activity to other eligible sports and activities. The student request must be submitted in advance of the sport/activity. The High School principal shall verify and document student participation in the sport/activity, including the eligibility or ineligibility for physical education credit.

In terms of minimal length and rigor, the season (or activity period) should be at least as long as the shortest WIAA season of an approved WIAA sport. It shall be the responsibility of the student to provide relevant information regarding the sport or organized physical activity that will support the request.

During each sport season/activity period used to establish eligibility for the physical education credit option, the student must not have (1) been subject to any disciplinary suspension from a contest or performance imposed either by the supervisor/coach or under any applicable code of conduct; (2) violated any applicable code of conduct during the season (or activity period), the penalty

for which was, or would have been, suspension from one or more contests or performances; and (3) been absent from a practice or contest/performance without an acceptable/approved excuse. If the student was injured after the beginning of any of the sports seasons but continued to participate in team activities as appropriate for the remainder of the season, he/she still satisfies this requirement.

A student must have his/her eligibility for the physical education credit option fully approved, including successful completion of his/her participation in the qualifying sport or other activity, by the time the student needs to register for classes for second semester of 12th grade.

Nothing in this policy shall prevent a student who is eligible for accommodations to the high school graduation requirements, including the credit requirements, under other District policies from receiving those accommodations.

LEGAL REF.: 118.13, 118.33 Wisc. Statutes

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