



Physical Education Waiver

In accordance with Senate Bill 311, students in grades 9-11 may be excused from the physical education (PE) requirement for graduation by participating in school sponsored interscholastic athletics, dance team, or cheerleading, for at least two seasons. The physical education requirement for graduation in the State of Ohio is 0.50 credit, which is usually fulfilled by taking two semesters of physical education, each of which are 0.25 credit. To qualify for the PE waiver a student must also complete a 0.50 credit elective in another area.

Three possible pathways to fulfilling the graduation requirement:

1. Completing two semesters of physical education. One semester will be completed during the student's freshman year. The second semester may be completed during the student's sophomore or junior year.
2. A student may apply for the PE waiver. Upon completion of two full seasons of interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, or dance team, and the completion of a 0.50 credit elective, the PE waiver will be added to the student's transcript.
3. Archbishop Hoban recommends that all students complete one semester of physical education during their freshman year. It is our belief that the Health and Physical Education classes serve as a foundation for the knowledge and positive attitudes that will lead students toward developing their personal health and fitness, and an appreciation for a physically active lifestyle. With this pathway, if a student chooses to invoke the PE waiver, it would fulfill the entirety of their PE requirement. The student will earn an extra 0.25 credit for participation in PE 1, and have the opportunity to take an extra elective at a later time.

Should a student become injured or not complete the season for ANY reason, he/she must find an alternative way to satisfy his/her PE requirement.

Procedure for Documenting Physical Education Course Exemptions:

1. Prior to participating in a full-season of a sport, cheerleading, or dance team, the student should complete and turn in the PE Waiver Intent Form to the Archbishop Hoban Student Services Office. PE Waiver forms can be obtained in the Student Services Office or downloaded from the Forms and Downloads link on our website.
2. Forms will be kept in the Student Services Office until the seasons are completed. Forms will be verified from information provided by the athletic director.
3. Student Services will add the PE Waiver to the student's official transcript.

Note: The Ohio Core Graduation Requirements mandate participation for at least two (2) full seasons of an approved activity in order to waive the PE requirement. Participation in only one (1) full season cannot be combined with 0.25 credits of PE to meet the PE requirement for graduation.

*Any student who has not fulfilled the PE requirement prior to the beginning of his or her senior year will be scheduled into a PE class. Participation in an athletic team, cheerleading, or dance team, will not qualify for the waiver during senior year without the approval of the administration.

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Approved Interscholastic Athletic Teams:

Baseball	Dance Team	Lacrosse	Tennis
Basketball	Football	Soccer	Track and Field
Bowling	Golf	Softball	Volleyball
Cheerleading	Gymnastics	Swimming	Wrestling
Cross Country			

Frequently Asked Questions

What constitutes a "full season" at Hoban High School?

A full season for athletic/cheerleading purposes is defined by the OHSAA as from the first day of practice until the last event or banquet per the athletic handbook.

For Physical Education (PE) Exemption, 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, and JROTC. There is no authority granted to a 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. Exempted students must also complete one half unit in another curricular area.

What if a student is cut or ruled ineligible, quits, or has an athletic/activity code violation during the season?

The statute requires participation "for at least two full seasons." The season during which a student is cut or ruled ineligible, quits or has an athletic/activity code violation cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement.

If a student participates in only one full season of an approved 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 requires participation "for at least two full seasons." There is 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 the coach/director concedes that the student actively participated in 75% of practices and participated and/or was able to participate in 75% of the contests.

Can team managers or statisticians complete the waiver?

No, Hoban team managers and statisticians are not eligible for the waiver. Only students physically participating in interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, and dance team 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 week days after being cut.