

Texas Agency Guidelines for Off Campus PE Commissioner's Criteria

The district must apply to the commissioner of education for approval of such programs, which may be substituted for state graduation credit in physical education (High School only.) 19 TAC 74.11(d)(7)

To assist MISD in making a decision as to whether a substitution may occur, the district will follow the guideline of the Texas Education Agency in interpreting the law as stated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 74:

It is the intention of the Texas Education Agency that the various off campus substitutions for the Physical Education high school graduation requirements be of "high quality". The term "high quality" implies, among other things, ***that the substitution activity is in congruence with the Physical Education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as closely as possible, if not above and beyond the rigor of the standards.***

Request for waivers for approval of private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs will be considered under two categories and requires the approval of the superintendent or designee.

Category I: Private or commercially sponsored physical activity program that leads to Olympic level participation and/or competition. The student must be involved in **at least 15 hours per week of highly intense, professionally supervised training.** The training facility, instructors, and the activities involved in the program must be certified by the superintendent or his designee to be of exceptional quality.

Students participating at this level may receive a maximum of one-half credit per semester. A total of four credits may be earned toward state high school graduation credits.

Students qualifying and participating at this level may be dismissed from school one period per day for such participation.

Category II: Private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs, as certified by the superintendent or his designee, to be of high quality, well supervised by appropriately trained instructors. The student must be involved in this program a **minimum of five hours per week.**

In Junior High, students may fulfill their P.E. requirements with 2 semesters of OCPE.

High school students approved for Category II may earn 0.5 credits per semester for a total of 1.0 credit (2 semesters) toward their high school physical education graduation requirement.

The student may not be dismissed from any part of the regular school day.