

**OFF-CAMPUS  
PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION**

The District shall award state graduation credit for physical education for appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs conducted either on or off campus, upon approval by the Commissioner of Education. [See also EHAC]. Team sports are not eligible. High school students may not participate in activities that have a UIL matching sport on campus.

**GENERAL  
REQUIREMENTS**

The following is a list of basic requirements that has been established by the Kerrville Independent School District and the Texas Education Agency (TEC Chapter 74 Curriculum

Requirements). **All of these requirements must be met and maintained to be eligible for participation in the program.**

1. The purpose of the program is to accommodate students who are making a serious effort to develop high level capabilities and to allow them to be involved in an off-campus program that provides training exceeding that offered in the school district.
2. No off-campus program will be allowed if located more than forty-five (45) miles from the Kerrville Independent School District Administration Building.
3. Only those students in grades six (6) through twelve (12) will be eligible for consideration for the off-campus program.
4. Each course/facility must submit the appropriate approval form to the Hal Peterson Middle School/Tivy High School Counseling Department by June 1<sup>st</sup>, prior to the beginning of the upcoming school year and November 1<sup>st</sup>, prior to the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Each course/facility will then be submitted for approval to Commissioner of Education, the superintendent, and the Kerrville Independent School District Board of Trustees. Students enrolled in off-campus physical education will be supervised by the student's counselor or assistant principal. Visits to the facility by the designated staff member will occur once per semester.
5. Students applying for Off-Campus Physical Education will be considered under two (2) categories.

**CATEGORY I:** These programs involve a minimum average of fifteen (15) hours per week, per semester of highly intense, professionally supervised training at the Olympic level of participation and at the Olympic level of competition. Students qualifying at this level may be dismissed from school one period per day for such participation. Middle school students only qualify for Category I option.

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**CATEGORY II:** These programs are to be of high quality, well supervised by appropriately trained instructors, and consisting of a minimum average of ten (10) hours per week, per semester. Students certified to participate at this level **MAY NOT** be dismissed from any part of the regular school day.

**Please Note:** High School students participating in either category may receive a maximum of a half credit per semester. One credit of physical education is required to graduate. A maximum of four off-campus credits of physical education may be earned for credit.

6. Each student must participate in the approved activity a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week for Category I; or ten (10) hours per week for Category II. These hours may be an average weekly participation per semester.

**THE APPLICATION**

The “*Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE) Program Application Form*” can be obtained in the counseling office.

The annual deadlines for submission are June 1<sup>st</sup>, prior to the beginning of the upcoming school year and November 1<sup>st</sup>, prior to the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

**CONTENTS OF  
APPLICATION  
PACKET**

1. EIF (Regulation), which includes the general guidelines for Off-Campus Physical Education
2. The “*OCPE Program Application Form*,” which requires approval from the following:

- Student’s Counselor
- Lead Counselor
- Principal
- OCPE Instructor
- **\*\*Ass’t Supt of C & I**
- **\*\*Superintendent**
- **\*\*Commissioner of TEA**
- **\*\*Local Board of Trustees**

**\*\* Only required if the OCPE Program has not been previously approved by the Commissioner of Education.**

**STEP-BY-STEP  
PROCEDURES**

1. Student picks up the “*OCPE Program Application Form*” from the counseling office.
2. Upon completion of the application, the parent will submit the application to:

Hal Peterson Middle School Lead Counselor  
Kerrville Independent School District  
3175 Loop 534  
Kerrville, TX 78028

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Tivy High School Lead Counselor  
Kerrville Independent School District  
3250 Loop 534  
Kerrville, TX 78028

3. Upon the Lead Counselor's and the student's Counselor's receipt and approval of the application, the application will be submitted to the principal for approval.
4. If the OCPE program has not previously received the Commissioner's approval, the principal will submit the application to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for processing, which shall include the required approval of the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees.
5. After the application has been approved, a confirmation letter to parents will be sent out. A report will be sent to all counselors by the Lead Counselor listing all approved OCPE students prior to the third week in August.
6. Off-campus physical education will not be added to the student's schedule until approved. After approval, the school Registrar will add the OCPE course to the student's schedule/transcript.
7. Parents and students need to confirm that the OCPE course is on the student's schedule at the beginning of each semester and that the student is receiving a grade each six weeks.
8. **A new OCPE Program Application Form must be submitted each school year.**