

RITTMAN HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.603, Rittman High School students may be excused from all physical education course requirements by participating in district-sponsored interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons while enrolled in high school and prior to entering their 12th grade year of school. Club activities and/or club sports are not considered part of the waiver. Participation in only one (1) full season cannot be combined with 0.25 credits of PE to meet the PE requirement for graduation. Students in grade 12 who have not completed the waiver requirements or taken a physical education course will be automatically enrolled in physical education their senior year.

Students participating in the PE waiver must complete one-half unit (.50 credit) in another course of study which is designated by the Board of Education as meeting the high school curriculum requirements. Such instruction shall be separate from and in addition to all other courses of study and hours of instruction that are required in order to graduate.

Students who wish to use the PE waiver must complete the waiver form prior to the start of the season in which they are participating in the activity. This form will then be verified by the Athletic Director or Band Director to document full participation throughout the season.

The PE Waiver option for Rittman High School students is effective beginning with the fall season of the 2025-2026 school year. Participation in athletics, marching band, or cheerleading prior to the Fall Sports season of the 2025-2026 school year will NOT count toward the PE Waiver.

Procedure for Physical Education Course Exemption:

1. Prior to participating in a full season of a sport or marching band, the student must submit a PE Waiver form to the guidance counselor. Forms can be obtained in the high school office or from the guidance webpage. Students must submit a new form for each approved activity.
2. Submitted forms will be kept in the office until the season is completed. Forms will then be verified by the athletic director or band director.
3. After completion of the second full season, the guidance counselor will add the PE Waiver to the student's official transcript.

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Instructions: Complete this form and submit it to the guidance office before the season. Submit a new form for each activity.

Student Name (print): _____ Graduation Year: _____

Approved Activity: _____ Season / Year: _____

- I understand that I must complete two full seasons of an approved interscholastic sport, cheerleading, or marching band.
- I understand that a full season is defined as one sport season (fall, winter or spring) that begins with the established OHSAA season start date or one academic season of marching band.
- I understand that if I am cut, quit, become academically ineligible, or am removed from the team, the waiver applied for that year will no longer be valid.
- I understand that by receiving this waiver, I will need to complete one additional half-credit course and it will be noted on my transcript that I have completed the Physical Education requirement via waiver.

By signing this form, I verify that I have read and understand the criteria regarding the Physical Education Waiver.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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This portion should be completed by the Athletic/Band Director. Verification that the above-named student has successfully completed the listed season of activity.

Approved Activity: _____ Season / Year: _____

Athletic / Band Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signed copy to be sent to Guidance Office for student file