

Dear Students and Families,

You have registered for, or requested a **6th period early release** for sports. We are glad to support student participation in athletics, and the information below will help you make the most of this opportunity. Please read this letter carefully, and respond as soon as possible to confirm your sports participation and clarify any questions you may have.

How does athletic early release work?

- 11th and 12th grade students only can leave school to participate in athletics at other schools:
 - Monday and Tuesday - Students will leave campus by 2:40 pm.
 - Wednesday and Thursday - Students will leave campus by 2:30 pm.
 - Friday - Students will leave campus by 1:20 (Campus wide early release at 2:00 pm.)
- Students registered for Early Release must make all necessary transportation arrangements to **leave campus after 5th period every day for the entire semester, not just the athletic season**
- Student schedules show either “Early Release” or “Physical Education Transfer” for 6th period - this enrollment is **not** a PE class, and does **not** carry any credit.
- Students complete a **PE Contract** to earn credit for their participation in athletics - details below
 - Students must document 75 hours of participation in their sport, and will earn 0.5 credit (equal to 1 semester) for a completed contract.
 - Once a complete contract is submitted and approved, PE credit is added to the student’s transcript as a “Physical Education Independent Study”.
- If students need to miss additional school for their sport (post-season, team travel, etc.) they should submit a Pre-Arranged Absence form to the school attendance office prior to their absence.
- Students must register for or request early release every semester they intend to play a sport.

Requirements and Expectations:

- Parent confirmation of student athletic participation is required for each season - see form below.
- PE contract pre-approval is required by the start of each season if credit is being awarded through RAHS.
- **Students may not remain on campus if they do not have a class**, regardless of their athletic schedule. Again, **students must leave campus after 5th period every day for the entire semester, not just the athletic season.**
- Students and families are responsible for arranging appropriate transportation.
- In emergency situations, students must remain in the main office.
- Early release lasts an **entire semester**, regardless of athletic seasons and schedules.

How do PE contracts work?

- A PE contract is located in Canvas (like most other RAHS classes) and consists of two assignments.
- The Pre-Approval assignment must be submitted **before starting your athletic season** - this is a very short assignment, and shouldn’t take more than 15 minutes to complete.
- **Once 75 hours (0.5 credit) or 150 hours (1.0 credit) of activity** have been completed, students submit the Final Reflection assignment in Canvas.
- Contracts must be submitted after the end of an athletic season, and no later than the end of the semester in which the season ends - (1st semester - fall sports / 2nd semester - winter and spring sports)
- **Contracts are required to earn P.E. credit from RAHS for a sport.** Students who participate in a sport but do not submit a complete contract on time will not earn PE credit from RAHS.

Athletic Early Release Information and Approval Form

Please complete and return this form to the RAHS Dean of Students.

Forms may be submitted on paper or via email to Jeff.Black@highlineschools.org

Student Name	
Sport	
Season (Fall, Winter, Spring)	
School/Club/Team	
Coach Name	
Coach Contact (Phone or Email)	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian Contact (Phone or Email)	

****Please note for Winter season sports: Winter season sports include dates in both 1st and 2nd semester, and require early release for the entire school year.***

Parents or guardians, please Initial the following statements and sign below

	Student Initial Here	Parent/Guardian Initial Here
I understand that I / my student must complete a PE contract to earn credit for participation in athletics.		
I understand that I / my student may not remain on campus after the designated time, even on days with no athletics, for the entire semester.		
I understand that transportation for early release athletics is not provided by the school or district.		

Student Signature and Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date: _____