



## Information Packet for Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE)

The purposes of the Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE) program are to accommodate students who are making serious efforts to develop higher-level skills in a specific activity that exceed what the school district can offer through general physical education programs as well as to provide students flexibility in class scheduling by providing opportunities to participate in classes outside of the school day to satisfy course requirements. The OCPE Program allows students alternatives to what the district provides in 7th- 12th grades to earn credits that meet the district and state physical education requirements. Students will be expected to be physically educated and physically active.

In order for a request to be approved for physical education substitution, providers must comply with required curriculum standards and ensure that students receive challenging and engaging work. Magnolia ISD provides guidelines and procedures to facilitate the physical education substitution process and to ensure compliance with state and district procedures.

OCPE activities must be of high quality and well-supervised by appropriately trained instructors. Students must participate in approved OCPE activities for a minimum of 15 hours per week for Category I providers and a minimum of 5 hours per week for Category II providers.

### **PRIVATE OR COMMERCIALY SPONSORED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS**

In accordance with state policy, a school district may award up to 4 credits for physical education for appropriate private or commercially-sponsored physical activity programs conducted on or off campus. 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 guidelines 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.***

- All sports/activities require individual, one-on-one, directly supervised instruction. No UIL team sports, including team sports private lessons, will be approved (i.e., basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball, etc.) Only sports that allow for individual scoring and individual advancement and non-UIL team sports will be approved. OCPE at the High School level will not be approved if the High School offers that particular sport or if the sport is in direct conflict with a UIL team sport, regardless of what level of OCPE.

## PLEASE REVIEW THESE MISD GUIDELINES BEFORE APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM

### Attendance

- Time on task will be no less than **five (5) hours per week** of intense professionally supervised training per week for **Category II level**.
- Time on task will be no less than **fifteen (15) hours per week** of intense professionally supervised training per week for **Category I level**.
- Students who work at the location in which they are also receiving credit for physical education may not include work hours.
- Competition/game participation/animal care & grooming do not count toward Category I or Category II time requirements.

### Grades and Credit

- 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. High school students approved for Category I may earn up to a total of 4.0 credits (8 semesters). This total includes their high school physical education graduation requirement (1.0 credit) and up to 3.0 credits to be counted as state elective credits. Students may not be enrolled in OCPE and any other general Physical Education class or Physical Education substitution (Athletics, Dance, etc) during the same semester.
- In Junior High, students may fulfill their P.E. requirements with 2 semesters of OCPE.
- Once the student has earned the maximum PE credits toward graduation, they will no longer receive credit for OCPE. The only advantage for continuing to enroll in OCPE would be in the case of Category 1 students who need the early release or late arrival. There is no advantage for a Category 2 student to continue to enroll in OCPE.
- Category 1 students may have early or late arrival in High School and only early release for Junior High.
- Credit will be issued after the completion of all requirements.
- Failing an OCPE class will have University Interscholastic League (UIL) implications

### Provider Responsibilities

- **Providers must be approved by the Magnolia ISD School Board.** The physical activity program conducted by a private or commercially sponsored center must provide both instructional and physical activities. Providers will be expected to have copies of the age/grade appropriate Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Physical Education and show evidence of inclusion into the instruction provided. Copies of the TEKS may be obtained at the following links:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter116/ch116b.html>(middle school) or  
<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter116/ch116c.html>(high school) or at  
[www.magnoliaisd.org](http://www.magnoliaisd.org) Departments >>Athletics>> OCPE

- **The Provider Application must be completed online for review and consideration. No late applications will be accepted.**

- Providers will supply MISD an application and documentation of how age/grade appropriate TEKS will be incorporated into instruction every year.
- The Provider will submit on the application the facilities program goals, a typical training session outline, and a semester outline.
- **Providers** must complete and submit Grade/Attendance Report Forms to the student's counselor each grading period **by the last day of the grading period. Reports may not be delivered to the counselor/registrar by students or parents.**
- If a Grade/Attendance Report Form is not received by the counselor by the designated deadline, a student may lose the opportunity to participate in OCPE and the student will receive an incomplete for that grading period. Participating students will not be eligible to participate in any school sponsored extracurricular activity for a minimum of three weeks or to receive a semester of credit for Physical Education.
- Providers must immediately notify the school counselor and/or his designee if the student drops out of the program.
- Providers must immediately notify the school counselor and/or his designee if the organization moves or discontinues the OCPE activities.
- The Magnolia ISD reserves the right to visit the provider and evaluate the age appropriateness and level of instruction in the physical education TEKS.
- The Magnolia ISD reserves the right to remove a provider's approval if any of the guidelines are not met.

#### **Student/Parent Responsibilities**

- Parents must complete the OCPE Student Application Form online from May 13th to August 19th.
- Research the OCPE facilities and coaches; MISD does not do background checks for OCPE.
- Understand and comply with attendance requirements.
- Have read and understood the difference between Category I and Category II waivers.
- Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from the physical activity program.
- **Students are not allowed to change providers during the semester.**
- Understand that your student is committed to a year-long program.
- Understand that students are not allowed to change providers during the school year.
- Understand that if your student does not complete the program, no credit will be awarded.
- In the event of a long-term injury, the student will be dropped from the program, and no credit will be awarded.
- Understand that if the facility does not comply with the grade report deadlines, no credit will be awarded.

#### **Transfers**

- The student **may NOT** transfer from a physical education or athletic class into an OCPE program after the deadline for application. However, the student may withdraw from the OCPE program and transfer back to an on-campus physical education class or athletic program. Participation in a varsity athletic program will be subject to UIL rules.

The Magnolia ISD appreciates the collaborative nature of this work and the opportunities you are providing to our students.