Off Campus Physical Education Program (OCPE)
Frequently Asked Questions

What is Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE)?

OCPE is an opportunity for elite athletes who are training at a highly intensive, professional level to receive PE credit for their participation in the individual sport or individual activity in which they are training.

Who can participate?

Students in grades 6th – 12th grade who qualify, submit a completed application and are approved can participate in OCPE.

What is the purpose of the Lake Travis Off Campus Physical Education Program?

The Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE) Program is designed for students committed to developing advanced athletic skills through specialized training beyond what the school district offers. Students enrolled in OCPE receive physical education credit and cannot participate in school athletics or other PE courses simultaneously. Participants may earn up to one PE credit per year, with a maximum of four credits counting toward state graduation requirements. All students must complete at least one PE credit to graduate.

What are the Texas Education Agency Guidelines for OCPE?

Texas Education Code 28.025, (b-10) and TAC Chapter 74, (Subchapter B) allows students to earn physical education credit through approved private or commercially sponsored programs. According to House Bill 72, such off-campus programs primarily support Olympic-level training. Each school district's Off-Campus Physical Education program must be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

What are the two types of OCPE Waiver Options?

Category I - Grades 6-12 - Students must be participating in a program that leads to Olympic level of participation and/or competition for a minimum of 15 hours per week of highly intense, professionally supervised training. The student may be dismissed from school one period per day.

Category II - Grades 9-12 ONLY - Students must be participating in a program that is of high quality, well supervised by appropriately trained instructors, and consisting of a minimum of 5 hours per school week. The student can receive a PE credit, but may not leave campus for any portion of the school day.

What are the enrollment options for Off-Campus PE?

Full-Year Program – Open to Middle and High School Students
Fall Semester Opportunity – ONLY High School Students Are Eligible
Spring Semester Opportunity – ONLY High School Students Are Eligible

What does the OCPE waiver allow my child to be excused from?

The OCPE waiver only excuses a student from Physical Education or Athletics. It does not allow a student to miss any other class during the school day. Students must attend all other scheduled classes.

Can my child switch between Athletics, P.E., and OCPE during the school year?

Middle school students may not transfer between Athletics, P.E., and OCPE at any point during the school year. High school students may not transfer between these options during a semester. All placement decisions must remain in place for the full duration of the approved term.

How often must my child train to qualify for OCPE?

Students must train a minimum of four days per week under the direct supervision of a coach or professional trainer at an approved agency.

Who is responsible for transportation to the Off-Campus PE program?

Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from the physical activity program. Students must be picked up at the beginning of their scheduled off period and may not remain on campus during that time.

Can my child split hours between multiple agencies to meet the OCPE requirement?

No. Students may only participate with one approved agency at a time.
Agencies cannot be combined to meet the minimum hour requirement.

Can tournament play count toward the required 15 hours for Category I activities?

Yes, but only up to 6 hours of tournament play per week may be counted toward the 15-hour weekly requirement for Category I OCPE activities.

Is travel time included in the time-on-task requirement for OCPE?

No, travel time is not included in the time-on-task requirement. Only the actual time spent participating in the physical activity counts toward the total hours.

Are summer activities counted toward the time-on-task requirement for OCPE?

No, summer activities do not count toward the time-on-task requirement for OCPE. Only activities completed during the school year are eligible.

Can Saturday and Sunday activities count toward the time-on-task requirement for OCPE?

No, activities on Saturdays and Sundays do not count toward the time-on-task requirement. Only activities conducted on weekdays (Monday through Friday) are eligible.

What happens if my child cannot meet the required hours due to weather, injury, or other reasons?

If a student is unable to meet the required 5 to 15 hours per week due to weather, injury, or other reasons, they must reschedule the missed hours to make up for the lost time.

What happens if the instructor does not submit the attendance report on time?

If the instructor fails to submit the attendance report by the deadline each grading period, the student will not receive P.E. credit for the waiver and may lose the opportunity to continue participating in the OCPE program.

What happens if the instructor does not submit the grade by the deadline?

If the instructor does not submit the pass/fail grade by the required deadline each grading period, my child may lose the opportunity to continue participating in the OCPE program.

What happens if my child transfers to a non-LTISD-approved agency during the school year?

If a student transfers to a non-LTISD-approved agency during the school year, they will be withdrawn from the OCPE program.

What happens if my child transfers to another LTISD-approved agency during the school year?

If a student transfers to another LTISD-approved agency during the school year, they must report the change within two weeks to remain in the OCPE program. Any changes to the student's training schedule, instructor, or agency should be reported to Tasha Barker at watersbarkert@ltisdschools.org or 512-533-6036.

Is the school district responsible for any contractual agreements with the agency, trainer, instructor, or coach?

No, the school district is not responsible for any contractual agreements made between the student and the agency, trainer, instructor, or coach. All agreements are the responsibility of the family.

Where do I find the list of the approved OCPE Providers?

Approved Off Campus PE Provider List 2026-2027

How many days per week must a student be enrolled in the qualified activity?

A student must be enrolled in his/her supervised activity for 5 days a week. The student must participate a minimum of four (4) days during the week (Monday through Friday) plus one (1) additional day that may fall on either the weekend or during the week for a total of five (5) days per week.

Who may complete and submit the student application form?

Only a parent or legal guardian is authorized to complete the student application.

Who may complete and submit the instructor application form?

Only the agency or instructor is authorized to complete the instructor application.

Do students have to reapply each school year for OCPE?

Yes, student applications are required each year to continue participation in OCPE.

Can students submit an application after the deadline?

Exceptions to the deadline apply solely to students new to LTISD who enroll after the application period has closed. These students will have three weeks from their enrollment date to apply for OCPE. After that, they must wait until the next application window.

What are the student application requirements?

To be considered for Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE), ALL components of the application process must be completed by the deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

STEP ONE:
Complete and submit the 2026–2027 LTISD OCPE Student Application Form

STEP TWO:
The agency instructor must complete and submit the 2026–2027 Instructor Agreement and Information Form

STEP THREE: (Middle School Only)
Pass the required exam(s) as described in the MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY REQUIREMENT section of the student application form. To learn more about these assessments and how to register to take an exam, please go to the LTISD OCPE Webpage.

STEP FOUR:

OCPE Administration Fee Payment Instructions

STEP FIVE:
Receive official OCPE Approval Notification from LTISD

What are the student application deadlines for the 26-27 school year?

Fall 2026 Deadline

Middle School - August 7, 2026
High School - August 17, 2026

Spring 2027 Deadline

High School ONLY - December 16, 2026.

Are there specific requirements for middle school students?

Yes. Prior to approval for participation in OCPE, students in middle school must score 80% or higher on:

- the Physical Education Exam each year, and
- the 6th Grade Health Exam during their 6th-grade year.

Where can I find information about deadlines, forms, exams, and requirements for LTISD's Off-Campus Physical Education Program?

Lake Travis ISD Off Campus Physical Education (OCPE) Webpage

What are the requirements for an agency to be approved as a Lake Travis ISD OCPE provider?

To be considered for approval, agencies must submit the following:

1. A completed LTISD OCPE Agency Application
2. A background check for each instructor/coach working with LTISD students
3. A copy of the agency's program goals

4. Instructor certifications for all staff working with LTISD students in their areas of instruction

5. An outline of a typical training session or a year-round training plan

Who approves an agency's eligibility to be an LTISD OCPE provider?

All Off-Campus Physical Education agencies must be reviewed and approved by the Lake Travis ISD Board of Trustees before providing services to students.

Where can an agency find information about the application process, deadlines, and required forms?

All information related to the application process, deadlines, and required forms for becoming an approved LTISD OCPE provider is available on the LTISD OCPE webpage.

How often does an agency need to renew its approval to be an LTISD OCPE provider?

According to TEA guidelines, agency approval must be renewed every three years to remain eligible as an LTISD Off-Campus Physical Education provider.

What are Lake Travis ISD's expectations of approved OCPE agencies?

Approved OCPE providers are expected to:

1. Promptly update contact information when changes occur

2. Accurately document and report student attendance and progress

3. Notify LTISD immediately of any changes to a student's participation status

4. Submit grade reports and attendance records to the student's home campus

Failure to meet these expectations may result in removal from LTISD's list of approved OCPE providers.

Who do I contact regarding Off Campus Physical Education (OCPE)?

- Applications and Agency Information
    - Tasha Barker, watersbarkert@ltisdschools.org 512-533-6036
- Student Schedules, grades, attendance, and other information
    - Campus Counselor