

Maumee High School Exemption from Physical Education

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

By signing this form, I/we understand the following information:

High school students who have participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading at Maumee High School for at least two full seasons may be excused from the traditional high school physical education requirement. Those students must complete one-half unit, consisting of at least sixty hours of instruction, in another course of study to meet the graduation requirements of 23 total credits. Each student has until the end of his/her senior year to complete the waiver. If the participation requirement was not met for any reason during the two seasons listed below, it is the responsibility of the student to inform his/her school counselor that PE will be added to his/her high school schedule during his/her senior year. In order for the Physical Education requirement to be excused, **this form must be turned in to the Maumee High School Guidance Office prior to the start of your athletic/band season.**

Student Name: _____ will participate in the following 2 sports or qualifying activity and seasons. Please remember Interscholastic Athletics, Marching Band, and Cheerleading qualify toward this exemption.

_____	_____	_____
Sport/Activity	Season	Grade at time of completion

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Student Signature	Date

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Parent Signature	Date

Maumee High School PE Waiver FAQs

- 1. What does the State say about policies that exempt a student from physical education?**
The Board of Education of each school district and the governing authority of chartered nonpublic school may adopt a policy to excuse from the high school physical education requirement each student who, during high school, has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two full seasons. If the Board adopts such a policy, the Board shall not require the student to complete any Physical Education course as a condition to graduate. However, the student shall be required to complete credit in another course of study.
- 2. If a student participates in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading before the Board adopts the waiver policy, can those activities be applied?**
No. Districts are not permitted to implement a retroactive policy. The two full seasons begin after the implementation date of the policy. PE Exemptions from Maumee High School will begin with the fall of 2018 athletic season. Participation in athletics and qualifying activities prior to fall 2018 will not count toward PE Exemption.
- 3. Can other activities (show choirs, non-school-sponsored athletics, etc.) which involve physical activity on the part of students be counted toward the two semesters of Physical Education?**
No. Statute specifically limits the participation to interscholastic athletics, marching band, cheerleading and JROTC. There is not authority granted to the Board of Education to include any additional participation.
- 4. Are there any other requirements students must meet beyond the two full seasons of participation in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading?**
Yes. Excused students must complete credit in another curricular area. While one-half unit of Physical Education requires a minimum of 120 hours of instruction, one-half unit in all other curricular areas requires a minimum of 60 hours of instruction. This one-half unit in another curricular area keeps the minimum number of credits required for graduation at 23.
- 5. For Physical Education, what is the impact of being “cut” or quitting?**
The statute requires participation “for at least two full seasons”. The season during which a student was “cut” or quit the activity could not be used to meet the two-season requirement.
- 6. What is the impact of being injured during the season?**
If a student has participated less than 60 hours during a season due to ineligibility, suspension due to a Code of Conduct violation, or injury, the season cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement.
- 7. If a student participates in only one full season of an approved activity, can the student be excused from .25 units of Physical Education and thus have to take only .25 units of Physical Education to complete his or her Physical Education requirements under the Ohio Core?**

No. The statute requires participation for at least two full seasons. There is no provision in the law that would permit any type of partial excuse.

8. If a student takes advantage of the PE waiver offered by Maumee High School, does the waiver transfer with the student if he or she moves to a district without a PE waiver?

Students are subject to the graduation requirements of the district where they will graduate. In the case of a transfer student, the receiving district is not obligated to honor the PE waiver earned at Maumee High School. The district should count any non-PE credit the student earned as a condition for the receiving the PE waiver while in the prior district, but the student will still need to earn the required PE credit as required by the new district.

9. How do I sign up for the PE Exemption?

PE Exemption Forms will be available during registration meeting each school year. Students must turn in the PE Exemption Form to their High School Counselor prior to beginning the athletic or qualifying activity season.

10. My student received 0.25 high school credits of PE from Gateway Middle School. Can the “two season requirement” be reduced to one season?

No. The PE exemption, as stated in Ohio Revised Code, allows Maumee High School to waive the 0.50 credit PE graduation requirement for 2 seasons of participation in approved athletics, marching band, and cheerleading. If your student has 0.25 credits of PE from Gateway Middle School AND earns the PE exemption for 2 seasons of participation, the 0.25 credits of PE will be counted as an “elective” towards the 23 credits required for graduation.

11. Can my student’s participation in club sports, tournament teams, or non-MHS teams be used to meet the two season requirement?

No. Ohio Revised Code specifically states the the 2 season participation minimum must apply to OHSA approved sports, marching band, or cheerleading teams affiliated to the school district.

12. Can my student fulfill the participation requirements by being in two different qualifying activities in the same season?

No. Students must choose one primary qualifying activity (in which they have a minimum 60 hours of contact) per season. The student can fulfill the requirement by participating in two different qualifying activities in different seasons of the same school year OR two qualifying activities in two different school years.

Physical Education Exemption Procedures and Guidelines

Procedures

- Students will receive the PE Exemption Form during their 8th to 9th grade registration meeting.
- Students will turn in the PE Exemption Form to their High School Counselor by the designated date on the form.
- Counselors will mark the date the PE Exemption Forms were received, make a copy for their own files, and then forward all forms to the Athletic Director.
- Each season, the Athletic Director will notify the coaches of participants.
- At the end of each season, the Athletic Director will ask each coach to date and initial that the student has completed the full season.
- Once two seasons are complete, the Athletic Director will sign and return the PE Exemption Forms to the appropriate High School Counselor.
- The High School Counselor will enter PE Waiver with a Pass, No Credit (PNC) into the student's course history/transcript. The PNC will not affect the student's GPA.
- Completed PE Exemption Forms will be filed in the student's permanent file.

Guidelines

- If a student has not completed two full seasons of athletics or qualifying activities prior to starting his/her senior year, the student will automatically be placed in a PE course at Maumee High School by a High School Counselor. In order to ensure graduation requirements will be met, the student will be required to complete the PE requirement in a traditional setting.
- PE Exemptions will begin with Fall 2018 athletics for grades 9, 10 and 11. Athletic or qualifying activity participation prior to fall 2018 will not be accepted.
- Students must complete two full seasons in order for their participation to qualify for the PE Exemption. Any season during which a student quits or is cut from the team cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement.
- If a student has participated fewer than 60 hours during a season due to ineligibility, suspension due to a Code of Conduct violation, or injury, the season cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement.
- Students cannot combine one season of athletic or qualifying activity participation with one traditional PE class. Students must choose either to complete two traditional PE courses, or two full seasons of interscholastic athletic or qualifying activity participation.

- Other activities outside of the school-sponsored athletics (show choir, club sports, travel teams, etc.) cannot be counted toward the two seasons.
- All appeals will be handled by the Athletic Director and Principal. There is no recourse beyond the Principal.
- Maumee High School Approved Interscholastic Athletics
 - B/G Cross Country
 - B/G Golf
 - Football
 - B/G Soccer
 - B/G Tennis
 - B/G Basketball
 - Volleyball
 - Bowling
 - Ice Hockey
 - Swimming
 - Wrestling
 - Baseball
 - Softball
 - B/G Track
 - Marching Band
 - Cheerleading