

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER APPLICATION

In the State of Ohio, students are required to complete one-half unit of physical education for graduation. One-half unit requires a minimum of 120 hours of course instruction. At Southeastern High School, this graduation requirement is met when a student completes two semester courses, each worth a quarter credit.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, students in grades 9-11 who successfully complete two full seasons of recognized school activities as outlined below may be excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement. However, prior participation in recognized activities cannot be retroactively used to fulfill waiver requirements. In addition, students entering their senior year who have not completed ALL waiver requirements will be placed in physical education classes immediately in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

The "Two Full Seasons" requirement can be completed within a single school year. According to Ohio Revised Code, boards of education may NOT provide for partial completion of the high school physical education requirement; therefore, the one-half unit requirement cannot be partially exempted. For example, it is not possible to combine one semester of a physical education course with successful completion of one athletic, marching band, or cheerleading season to meet the physical education graduation requirement.

### IMPACT ON OVERALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Those students utilizing the P.E. Exemption are still required to meet all other graduation requirements established by Southeastern High School, including the completion of 22 credits required for graduation. Please note that students will not earn a letter grade when utilizing the P.E. exemption waiver.

### RECOGNIZED ACTIVITIES

Southeastern High School recognizes that "Two Full Seasons" of appropriate participation in the following activities may be used to satisfy P.E. Waiver requirements:

Baseball	Cross Country	Soccer	Volleyball
Basketball	Football	Softball	Wrestling
Bowling	Golf	Tennis	
Cheerleading	Marching Band	Track	

\*\*Intramural sports or other club/non-school sponsored activities will not be approved\*\*

\*\*Students who do not complete a FULL season may lose the ability to use a P.E. waiver\*\*

## PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXEMPTION

1. Student indicates a desire to be exempt from physical education courses by choosing the P.E. waiver option during course selection.
2. Once the student has completed a full season, the Physical Education Exemption Form must be turned in to the guidance office by the end of the semester following the season. For example, fall athletes will turn in a waiver by the end of the 1st semester and winter/spring athletes by the end of the 2nd semester. It is the student's responsibility to fill out and turn in the P.E. waiver by the end of the semester following the season of activity.
3. Once the appropriate exemption waiver documentation is approved, students will have fulfilled the necessary requirements for exemption.

**\*\*Please be aware that this exemption may not transfer should a student transfer to a different school district with different policies\*\***

**\*\*The student is expected to complete an exemption form for each season for which a waiver is being used. Therefore, a student must have two completed waiver forms on file in order to graduate. It is the responsibility of the student to turn the form in. THIS WILL NOT BE DONE AUTOMATICALLY FOR THE STUDENT\*\***

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER FORM**

Southeastern High School

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

**In making this request for exemption from physical education as a graduation requirement, I understand the following conditions apply:**

1. Approval will be granted for sports/activities starting with the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Students must successfully complete **2 FULL seasons** of approved sports/activities during their first 3 years of high school to be eligible for alternative P.E. credit.
3. A P.E. class may **NOT** be combined with a sport/activity to equal one-half credit for P.E.

Sport \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Postseason Signatures:**

Athletic Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_