

Physical Education Exemption Policy for FHS

Because of a change in state law and school board policy, it is now possible for students to **earn** an exemption for physical education classes.* This exemption can be earned by participating in interscholastic sports, marching band and/or cheerleading. There will be no credit given, and the exemption will not have an effect on the student's grade point average, eligibility, or honor roll. Guidelines for the exemption are listed below.

1. Participation in two complete seasons is required for exemption. If students plan to participate in multiple activities that count toward exemption in one school year, they may use two (2) activities to be exempted from the physical education classes, but the form must be completed showing both activities. **YOU MUST COMPLETE TWO SEASONS TO RECEIVE AN EXEMPTION.** You may not take one P.E class for ¼ credit and exempt ¼ credit.
2. The student shall be an active participant. Statisticians, scorekeepers, managers, etc. are excluded.
3. If the student drops out or becomes ineligible due to grades during the season, the season will not count for exemption.
4. If a student is injured during the season, an optional experience may be provided by the high school administration depending on the circumstances and time invested.
5. The student must fill out a form to inform the counseling office of his/her intent to participate in the activity in lieu of taking a physical education class. The student's parent or guardian must sign this form. **The form is due in the counseling office by May 1, 2017.** If a student has not returned a signed exemption form by the deadline, he/she will not be able to be exempt from physical education the following year.
6. No **credit** is given for the participation. This exemption will show up on the student's transcript as an exemption, but will not be given any credit. The student is still required to meet the number of graduation credits as set forth by the Board of Education. **Exemption from the physical education class is not exemption from any credits.**
7. This has nothing to do with the health requirement. One half credit of health is still required of all students.
8. Band is still a course worth one credit. The Physical Education exemption has no bearing on the class or the credit.
9. The athletic director will submit a list of all students who completed the season and are eligible for the exemption to the counseling office at the end of the season.

Students may still choose to take physical education classes for credit even if they participate in interscholastic sports and/or marching band and/or cheerleading but will be placed as classroom space allows. If students take physical education classes, the grade will be on their transcript and it will influence their grade point average.

* While this change is part of recent legislation, any changes on the part of the legislature to modify or reverse the law will cause Firelands Schools will make adjustments to comply with current legislature.

Physical Education Exemption 2017 - 2018

- This form is mandatory if you desire to be eligible to earn a physical education exemption in the 2017-2018 school year.
- This form is **due** in the counseling office by **May 1, 2017**. Please note that this is due in the spring of the academic year **before** you plan to earn the exemption beginning in 2017.
- Students not completing this form by the above deadline will not qualify for a physical education exemption and will be scheduled for regular physical education classes during their freshman and sophomore years.

My child _____ is planning to participate in _____ in the ____ fall ____ winter ____ spring of the 2017-2018 school year, and wants to use this involvement as an exemption from one physical education class. I have read and understand the Physical Exemption Policy which is located on the front of this form. I also understand that state legislation may change this opportunity for exempting students from physical education and Firelands Schools will adjust the policy as necessary to comply with state law.

SECOND EXEMPTION IF APPLICABLE

My child is planning to participate in a second activity that could be used as an exemption. The activity is _____ during the ____ fall ____ winter ____ spring of the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 school year, and wants to use this involvement as an exemption from one physical education class.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____