

Policy Title:

Physical Education

Code No. **602.16**

Students in grades kindergarten through twelve shall be required to participate in physical education courses unless they are excused by the principal /designee of their attendance center.

Students in grades K-12 may be excused from physical education as a result of the following:

- Medical Exemption: A written statement from a physician stating that such activities could be injurious to the health of the student.
- Religious Exemption: A written statement from the parent that the course conflicts with the student's religious beliefs.

Students in grades 11-12 may be excused from physical education as a result of the following:

- Athletic Exemption: The student may be exempted from physical education during the semester in which he/she is involved in an approved activity. An application for exemption with parent signature must be submitted. If the student fails to complete the entire activity season in good standing, he/she will be required to enroll in physical education.
- Academic Exemptions:
 - 11th Grade Students: May be exempted from physical education for one (1) semester if the student is enrolled in a full schedule (7 academic courses) during both semesters in an academic year.
 - 12th Grade Students: May be exempted from physical education each semester in which the student is enrolled in a full schedule of academic courses. In addition, 12th grade students may be exempted from physical education if they are enrolled in a Cooperative Education program, Cadet Teaching, or a Senior Year Plus course offered only on the campus of a college or university.

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