

# Physical Education Waiver

## Physical Education Graduation Requirement

In accordance with the State of Ohio's graduation requirements, students are required to complete a one-half unit, with a minimum of 120 hours of physical education instruction, for graduation. Mogadore Local Schools requires students complete two semesters of physical education to fulfill this requirement.

## Physical Education Waiver

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, students enrolled in grades 9-12, who successfully complete two full seasons of marching band, will be excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement. Students must be enrolled in High School Band to receive credit.

According to Ohio Revised Code, Boards of Education may NOT provide partial completion of the high school physical education requirement.

## Graduation Requirements Impact

Students excused from the physical education requirement are required to complete another semester course consisting of at least 60 hours of instruction in another course of study, determined by the student.

## Procedure for Documenting Physical Education Course Waiver:

1. The student should complete a physical education waiver intent form for the Band Director which will be forwarded to the Guidance Counselor
2. Forms will be kept in the band office until the end of the official season and verified by the band director. Once verified, the band director will submit forms to the guidance counselor. After two seasons, the PE Waiver will be added to the student's transcript.

## Physical Education Waiver Frequently Asked Questions:

**What constitutes a full season of Marching Band:** A full season of marching band begins with the first summer rehearsal and ends with the last football game of the season. The minimum requirement is 60 hours with our season totaling around 75 hours of active participation in the regular season, not including playoff games.

**What happens if a student misses rehearsals or performance events:** The band director will keep track of student absences and attendance records. If the student does not fulfill the hourly requirements for a marching season, the student will NOT receive credit for that season.

**If a student participates in only one full season of Marching Band, can the student be excused from part of their PE credit?** Under the PE Credit Waiver provisions, students are required to participate in at least two full seasons to receive a PE Credit Waiver.

### **Can colorguard or auxiliary members receive PE credit for participation in Marching Band?**

Students may only receive credit for participation if they are enrolled in the High School Band year-long course.

# Physical Education Credit Waiver Mogadore Local Schools

Please complete the following form PRIOR to the start of the marching band season and give to the band director for record keeping.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PE Waiver Season (Circle One):                      Year One                      Year Two

It is understood that two successful seasons must be completed to waive the Physical Education Graduation Requirement

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Director Verification Form (to be completed by Band Director)

Full Season Complete:    Year One                      Year Two

- Yes, season requirements were met
- No, season requirements were not met

(If not met) Missing Hours (including dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_