



SOUTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: Physical Education Exemption for Interscholastic Athletics, Band or Cheerleading

Dear Parents:

Southwest Local School District's Board of Education grants permission for a physical education exemption, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, under the guidelines and stipulations stated in the Ohio Core and Ohio Revised Code Statute: 3313.603.

The SLSD Board of Education adopted this policy in April 2009, which exempts students who participate in interscholastic athletics, band or cheerleading for two full sessions (or seasons) from the physical education requirements needed for graduation.

The Statute requires participation "for at least two full seasons" and only for interscholastic athletics, band or cheerleading. There is no authority granted to a board of education to include any additional participation.

The season during which a student was "cut" or quit the activity cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement. Additionally, there is no provision in the law that would permit any type of partial excuse or partial credit if a student only completed one session of band or only one season of a sport.

Students must take another course of at least 60 contact hours in the place of physical education during the school day.

If your student will be using this exemption, please fill out the attached form and return to the high school guidance department.

Thank you and please contact the high school guidance department with any questions.

Sincerely,

John C. Hamstra

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Physical Education Exemption Request Form

Student Name: _____

Expected Year of Graduation: _____

_____ (name of student) requests the Physical Education Exemption, as provided by the Ohio Core and Ohio Revised Code Statute: 3313.603 and Southwest Local School District Board of Education Board Policy.

I understand that _____ (name of student) must successfully complete at least two seasons of interscholastic athletics, band or cheerleading. I also understand that there is no authority granted to a board of education to include any additional participation.

I also understand that the season during which a student may be "cut" or may quit the activity cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement. Additionally, there is no provision in the law that would permit any type of partial excuse or partial credit if a student only completed one session of band or only one season of a sport.

I also understand that _____ (name of student) must take another course of at least 60 contact hours in the place of physical education during the school day.

I _____ (name of student) plan to complete this requirement in the following way:

(MUST STATE AT LEAST TWO)

Name of sport/band/cheerleading

Season and year of participation

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____