

2016-2017

PE EXEMPTIONS

Everything you EVER wanted to know



PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS A 7 SEMESTER REQUIREMENT IN ILLINOIS

- ▶ Illinois State Code says, in the section named Graduation Requirements: 105 ILCS 5/27-22, 27-22.05, 27-22.10, *in addition, the School Code and agency rules require that all students must participate in physical education on a daily basis in each year of high school and have the equivalent of 18 weeks of health education and nine weeks of consumer education during high school.*

SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46 MUST FOLLOW THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL CODE

- ▶ *All students must participate in physical education on a daily basis in each year of high school*
- ▶ *Students who choose to graduate early, must make up any semesters of PE lost due to early graduation (no exemptions allowed)*



CAN I GET AN EXEMPTION FROM PE???

- ▶ School District U-46 has a School Board Policy numbered 6.182 that is taken directly from School Code regarding PE Exemptions
- ▶ There are only 5 reasons that the District and the State will allow a PE exemption

REASON ONE FOR A PE EXEMPTION

- ▶ I. Enrollment, for credit, in a marching band program (valid for the semester in which there is ongoing participation);
 - ▶ This exemption is for one semester only and can be obtained each year that a student is enrolled in marching band.
 - ▶ Because marching band typically occurs first semester in U46, that is the semester that the student is exempted from PE.

REASON TWO FOR A PE EXEMPTION

- ▶ 2. Enrollment in academic classes which are required for admission to an institution of higher learning, provided that failure to take such classes will result in the pupil being denied admission (student must be in the 11th or 12th grade);
 - ▶ Laying out a 4 year plan with your counselor helps you plan for college
 - ▶ A student may not know what they want to be or become their freshman or sophomore year in high school
 - ▶ In the event that a 4 year plan has changed, and a student realizes that they need a particular class for admission to a college or university, the student must show that they have applied to the college or university and show the class(es) needed – an exemption can be requested for that class

REASON THREE FOR A PE EXEMPTION

- ▶ 3. Enrollment in academic classes which are required for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take such classes will result in the pupil being unable to graduate (student must be in 11th or 12th grade).
 - ▶ Junior and senior students who move in from another district or state, and are now required to meet School District U-46 graduation requirements, may apply for an exemption if they are short credits to graduate with their class
 - ▶ In the event that a 4 year plan has changed and a student requires intervention to be on the right track for graduation, the student may apply for an exemption to complete the graduation requirement(s).

REASON FOUR FOR A PE EXEMPTION

- ▶ 4. If the student must use the time set aside for physical education to receive special education support and services, subject to the student's Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).
- ▶ The specific support that a student needs to be successful must be clearly written into the IEP, and all other time modifications must have been tried.

REASON FIVE FOR A PE EXEMPTION

- ▶ 5. Ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program (student must be in the 11th or 12th grade);

- ▶ The junior or senior student can choose to be exempt from PE if they are a current athlete and have made a team.
- ▶ The student is exempt from PE for the length of the season through the last day of the state tournament and returns to PE when the season ends.
- ▶ No additional course work can be taken in place of PE.
- ▶ The student earns a PE credit only for the portion of PE they were in attendance.

REASON FIVE FOR A PE EXEMPTION CONT.

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- ▶ No additional course work can be taken in place of PE.
- ▶ The student earns a PE credit only for the portion of PE they were in attendance.
- ▶ If a PE exemption is taken, the student must make sure he/she has enough classes to receive a passing grade for eligibility. If taking a PE exemption drops a student down to 5 classes, then the student must pass all 5 classes.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- ▶ If you receive a PE Exemption, you cannot have Early Dismissal
- ▶ If you receive a PE Exemption, you cannot have Late Arrival
- ▶ If you receive a PE Exemption, you should not have a study hall other than study/lunch
- ▶ Juniors and seniors must be enrolled in full year graduation requirements and have no previous failures in PE.
- ▶ If a student drops any of their classes, the PE exemption is forfeited and the student must be placed back into PE.