



PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST FORM FOR 11TH AND 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-6) requires that students in kindergarten through grade 12 receive daily physical education. Chicago Public Schools (CPS) recognizes specific exceptions authorized by the Illinois School Code to the daily physical education requirement for students in grades 11-12. A student may request a waiver based on one of the authorized exceptions noted below. Waiver requests are subject to the qualification requirements and approval process specified for the waiver type as noted on page 2 of this form.

Each individual student waiver request must be verified and eligibility determined on a case-by-case basis by school staff prior to granting approval. Approved waivers: (1) apply only to the current school year, and (2) require the student to enroll in another academic course in place of physical education.

Student Name: _____ **Student ID Number:** _____ **Grade Level:** _____

Waiver request reason (select only one):

- Enrollment in JROTC course
- Enrollment in an academic course required for on-track graduation
- Enrollment in an academic course required for college admission
- Ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program
- Ongoing participation in an adaptive athletic program outside the school setting
- IEP specifies time for special education supports and services in lieu of physical education
- Enrollment in marching band course for credit during the school day.

Explanation: _____

Verification documentation attached: Yes No Not Applicable

Explanation of attached documentation (if applicable): _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Athletic Director signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

Principal/Designee signature _____ Date: _____

Principal/Designee signature indicates confirmation and approval.



CPS recognizes the following exceptions to the daily physical education requirement for students in grades 11-12:

#	ALLOWABLE INDIVIDUAL WAIVER REASON	INDIVIDUAL WAIVER APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS
1	Enrollment in school's Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) Program	Individual waiver process initiated by counselor . Respective responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and parent/guardian: NONE • Athletic director: NONE • Principal/designee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Verify enrollment ◦ Principal or designee approval and signature ◦ Indicate/approve reason for exception in student information system
2	Enrollment in academic classes required for on-track high school graduation , provided that the failure to take such course would result in the student being unable to graduate <i>NOTE: This exception may include the following circumstances: (i) a student fails a course and must retake the required course in Grades 11 or 12 in order to graduate, (ii) a student is enrolled in a specialized diploma/certification program or dual degree program that requires specialty courses in grades 11 and 12 in order to graduate (e.g. International Baccalaureate Diploma, Early College Program that leads to an Associate's Degree by the end of grade 12.) Waivers are permitted only in accordance with the Physical Education Manual and only when scheduling of the course(s) required to graduate do not allow room in the student's schedule for physical education courses or non-required elective courses.</i>	Individual waiver process initiated by counselor . Respective responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and parent/guardian: NONE • Athletic director: NONE • Principal/designee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Principal or designee approval and signature ◦ Indicate/approve reason for exception in student information system ◦ Document schedule confirming that enrollment in additional courses outside of course(s) required for graduation is not possible
3	Enrollment in academic classes required for college admission , provided that the failure to take such classes would result in the student being denied admission to the college of their choice <i>NOTE: This exception may apply when a student is required to complete a particular course or courses to be considered for entry in a particular college or college program (e.g. student must take calculus as a prerequisite for entry in a university's engineering program). Waivers are permitted only in accordance with the Physical Education Manual and only when the course requirements for college admissions do not allow room in the student's schedule for physical education courses.</i>	Individual waiver process initiated by student and parent/guardian . Respective responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and parent/guardian: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Waiver request form with signatures from student and parent/guardian ◦ Documentation that specific course or courses are required for admission into college or college program of the student's choice • Athletic director: NONE • Principal/designee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Principal or designee approval and signature ◦ Indicate/approve reason for exception in student information system ◦ Document schedule confirming that enrollment in additional courses outside of required course(s) is not possible ◦ Retain college admission documentation
4	Ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program , if student participated and completed the season in the interscholastic athletic program(s) during the prior school year and declares the intent to continue	Individual waiver process initiated by student and parent/guardian . Respective responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and parent/guardian: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Waiver request form with signatures from student and parent/guardian • Athletic director: Signature confirming the student completed the season in the interscholastic athletic program(s) during the prior school year • Principal /designee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Principal or designee approval and signature ◦ Indicate/approve reason for exception in student information system
5	Ongoing Participation in an adaptive athletic program outside the school setting <i>Note: Student must have an Individual Education Program (IEP) requiring adaptive physical education.</i>	Individual waiver process initiated by student and parent/guardian . Respective responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and parent/guardian: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Submit waiver request form with signatures from student and parent/guardian ◦ Present documentation of ongoing participation in an adaptive athletic program outside the school setting • Athletic director: NONE • Principal/designee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Verify IEP requirements for adaptive PE and verify student's adaptive athletic program documentation ◦ Principal or designee approval and signature ◦ Indicate/approve reason for exception in student information system ◦ Retain documentation
6	IEP specifies that the time set aside for physical education is needed for the student to receive special education supports and services . <i>Note: Student must have an Individual Education Program (IEP).</i>	Individual waiver process initiated by parent/guardian . Respective responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and parent/guardian: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Submit waiver request form with signatures from student and parent/guardian ◦ Provide IEP documentation that specifies that the time set aside for physical education course is needed for the student to receive special education supports and services • Athletic director: NONE • Principal/designee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Verify IEP requirements ◦ Principal or designee approval and signature ◦ Indicate/approve reason for exception in student information system
7	Enrollment in a marching band course for credit during the regular school day	Individual waiver process initiated by student and parent/guardian . Respective responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and parent/guardian: NONE • Athletic director: NONE • Principal/designee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Verify Enrollment ◦ Principal or designee approval and signature ◦ Indicate/approve reason for exception in student information system

