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## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

The 2008 Legislature passed Senate Bill 610 which was signed into law by Governor Crist on June 2, 2008. It included changes in statute as it relates to physical education requirements for Florida students. Section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, requires 150 minutes each week of physical education for students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade, and beginning 2009-2010 school year, the equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for one semester of each year for students in grades six through eight. The physical education requirement shall be waived for a student in grades kindergarten through grade eight who meets one of the following criteria:

- The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course.
- The student's parent indicates in writing to the school that:
- The parent requests that the student enroll in another course from among those offered as options by the school district, OR
- The student is participating in physical activities outside the school day which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students in grades K-8 are required to complete 1.5 physical education credits. Students may waive the physical education requirement if the student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course or the student's parent indicates in writing to the school that:

- 1) the parent requests that a student enroll in another course from among those offered as options by the school district; or
- 2) the student is participating in physical activities outside the school day which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

### **HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

One (1) credit (to include one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit of Personal Fitness or Adaptive Physical Education IEP and one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit of Physical Education). Participation in an interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level for two full seasons will satisfy the one-credit requirement for physical education provided the student earns at least a —C|| on a Personal Fitness competency test developed by the Department of Education. Students who complete one semester, with a grade of —C|| or better, of a marching band class or a physical activity class that requires participation in marching band activities as an extracurricular activity, may be granted a waiver for the one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit in Physical Education. This waiver may be granted retroactively to students graduating in the year 2003 and beyond. Students who complete one semester, with a grade of —C|| or better, of an ROTC class that includes drill as a major component (including Leadership I and Leadership II) may be granted a waiver of the one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) credit in Physical Education.