

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXEMPTION

N.J.A.C.6:29-3.2 permits students to receive graduation credit in physical education while participating in alternative programs of athletics/physical education conducted outside the high school program. This procedure outlines the process to follow for this permission to be granted. The exemption from physical education is not encouraged; however, it is understood that there are times when the outside alternative athletics/physical education program exceeds the expectations of the Cherry Hill Public Schools' program. Additionally, in those extraordinary cases, the student athletes expend considerable time and energy in completing their alternative physical education program. Thus, the schools' physical education has little benefit to the development of this student.

Process for Physical Education Exemption

1. The parent, guardian or pupil shall make a written request to the principal for permission to receive high school graduation credit for an outside alternative physical education/athletic activity.
 - a. Details on the outside physical education/athletic activity to include location, team, coach, times of practice, times of competition, beginning and ending dates, etc.
 - b. Verification by the coach/advisor and parent/guardian that the physical education/athletic activity meets the goals and objectives of the high school program. (A copy of the goals and objectives are available at each high school.)
 1. Course Goals: Comments are to be made related to each course goal and how they will be accomplished by the activity.
 2. Content Objectives: Comment generally about the content of the activity relative to the objectives listed. It is not necessary to comment on all activities/sports/dance forms but only those that apply.
 3. Skill objectives: Comment generally about the skills to be learned.
 4. Affective/Career/Affirmative Action objectives: Comment on how all of these objectives are met.

2. The principal and/or appropriate certificated staff members will review the request and determine the appropriateness of the activity to meet the goals and objectives of the school program.

If it does not, the principal/designee will notify the parent or guardian of the concern.

3. Once approved, the student can be excused from physical education classes.
 - a. Exemption applies only to physical education classes; not health classes.
 - b. Exemption applies only during the time period that the alternative physical education/athletic program is in session.
4. The student is to be placed in a course or study hall, as appropriate.
5. The administrator in charge of physical education will work with the advisor/coach on determining proficiencies for a grade. (Pass-Fail will be used.)
6. The permanent school records will indicate credits gained for physical education through an alternative program.
7. The waiver request must be submitted annually as required.

Legal References:

N.J.A.C. 6:29-3.2 Physical Education Exemption Procedures

Cherry Hill Public Schools Course Outlines: High School Physical Education

NOTE: This procedure does not address release of athletes from physical education as a result of participating in school athletics.

Related Policy:

Policy 6146: Graduation Requirements

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