

# Chagrin Falls High School

## CHAGRIN FALLS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

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### **CFHS Physical Education (PE) Waiver**

Section 3313.603 of the Ohio Revised Code gives school districts the authority to adopt a policy to excuse students from all high school physical education requirements if they participate in district-sponsored interscholastic athletics, marching band (including band camp), and cheerleading for at least two full seasons. With this policy, a Board of Education would not require a student to complete any physical education courses as a condition to graduate.

As per the PE Waiver approved by the Chagrin Falls Board of Education, these two full seasons must occur after July 2020, the implementation date of the policy.

Students **MUST** complete the entire season(s) in which they have elected to participate. Thus, a student who plays any combination of Chagrin Falls High School sports (i.e. volleyball and basketball) at any level (freshman, JV or Varsity), or marching band, or cheerleading is able to seek exemption and waive the physical education requirement.

In the case of an exemption, the student would be excused from physical education classes, but his/her total number of credits (20 total needed) for graduation would not change; therefore, they would have to replace physical education with other academic electives or simply take physical education as an elective. The exemption will be noted on the student's official transcript. In order to facilitate accurate scheduling and record keeping, we require each student to fill out an exemption form for each semester that the PE Waiver is requested.

Other activities (non-school sponsored athletics) that involve physical activity on the part of a student may not be counted toward the two semesters of physical education. The statute specifically limits participation to interscholastic athletics, marching band, and cheerleading. There is no authority granted to a board of education to include any additional participation.

P.E. Waiver may not be combined with Credit Flexibility and the two full seasons of interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, and/or marching band must be completed prior to the second semester of the student's senior year.

*To learn more about the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Physical Education Waiver and Graduation Requirements, please visit this [FAQ Site](#).*

### **Procedure for documenting Physical Education Waiver**

1. Students should complete this [online waiver application](#) by the following dates:

- Fall - September 1
- Winter - December 1
- Spring - April 1

2. At the end of each season, the Athletic Department will verify with the coach/advisor that students who completed the Waiver Application have completed a full season. The Counseling Department will ensure that the student's transcript is updated to reflect the full completion of the PE Waiver.