

Criteria Governing Athletic Exemption

Who is Responsible?

Counselor, Athletic Director

Forms:

Determined by school (see following page for example)

Guidelines and Considerations:

Athletic sports that are sanctioned by Denver Public Schools' Board of Education and meet the criteria below may exempt a student from the physical education graduation requirement. No grade or credit will be given for athletic participation and such exemptions will not reduce the number of hours required to earn a diploma. Both semesters of the physical education requirement may be exempted by athletic participation.

- Student must maintain academic eligibility for the entire season
- One full sport season played at DPS is required to exempt a student from five semester hours, two full sport seasons played is required to exempt from ten semester hours.
- Student must be a high school freshman, sophomore, or junior
- Waiver must be requested in the same semester the sport is played
- Seniors who have not yet met the physical education requirements are not allowed to take this exemption and must enroll in a physical education course(s)
- Cheerleading is not a sanctioned sport by the DPS Board of Education and therefore does not qualify for an exemption
- Participation in Citywide Marching Band or ROTC may be used for exemption

Process:

1. Student makes a request for exemption to the counselor or athletic director.
2. Athletic director verifies student eligibility for the exemption.
3. Appropriate parties sign the athletic exemption form and form is filed in student's cumulative record.
4. Records secretary records course 06054 PE Exempt on student's transcript.
(An NA score with no weight attached will prevent the course from impacting the students overall GPA. For questions, please contact Transcript Support.)

Denver Public Schools

WAIVER REQUEST FORM



Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12 School Year: _____

Basis for Waiver Request:

_____ Athletic exemption from physical education (name of sport): _____

➤ _____ Season/Year of participation

_____ Exemption of total number of hours required for high school graduation

_____ Waiver of specific course required for high school graduation (student must meet 240 credits to graduate)

_____ Release of 8 semester or 2 semester attendance requirement

_____ Overload schedule permission

Course added in place of: _____

Rationale for Waiver: _____

Required Signatures:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Principal: _____ Date: _____

Instructional Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

*One sport/season per form

**One form must be completed for each waiver classification

***If waiver is given for a specific course it must be documented in the students' transcript

****This form must be on file in the student's permanent record. Records Clerk must record course number 6054, PE Exempt, on the student's transcript upon receipt of this form

Required Signatures for PE Exemption:

Athletic Director: _____ Date: _____

Principal: _____ Date: _____

Counselor: _____ Date: _____