



## **NEW ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL**

### **New Albany – Plain Local School District HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER**

Revised October 10, 2016

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.603 and New Albany Plain Local Board of Education Policy 5460, New Albany High School students may be excused from all physical education course requirements by participating in District-sponsored interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons while enrolled in high school and prior to entering their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year of school, **except for the Class of 2017**. Students in grade 12 who have not completed the waiver requirements or taken a physical education course will be automatically enrolled in physical education their senior year.

Ohio Revised Code defines District-sponsored interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading as any high school athletic team, high school cheerleading squad, or high school marching band that participates in the district's regular athletic season(s) and is operated under the supervision of a Board employee. Club activities and/or club sports are not considered part of the district-sponsored athletics, marching band, or cheerleading.

Students participating in the PE waiver must complete one-half unit (.50 credit) in another course of study, which is designated by the Board of Education as meeting the high school curriculum requirements. Such instruction shall be separate from and in addition to all other courses of study and hours of instruction that are required in order to graduate.

Students who wish to use the PE waiver must complete the waiver form at the completion of both seasons in which they are participating in the activity. The Athletic Director or Band Director will then verify that full participation through both seasons was completed.

#### Procedure for Documenting Physical Education Course Exemption

1. Students who completed a season during the 2015-2016 school year and who want that season to count towards the PE Waiver, can submit A COMPLETED form.
2. Beginning the winter of 2016-2017, all PE Waiver forms must be completed and turned into the Counseling Office AT THE END OF BOTH SEASONS. Completion means a signed form by athletic/band director, parent, student, and school counselor.
3. Forms can be obtained in the Counseling Office or from the district website and should will be turned into the Counseling Office when both season are completed.
4. After the completion of both seasons, the Counseling Office Secretary will add the PE Waiver to the student's official transcript.

The Ohio Revised Code mandates participation in at least two (2) full seasons of an approved sport, cheerleading, or marching band in order to waive the PE requirement. Participation in only one (1) full season cannot be combined with 0.25 credits of PE to meet the PE requirement for graduation.

The PE Waiver option for New Albany High School students is effective beginning with the Fall Sports season of the 2015-16 school year. **Participation in athletics, marching band, or cheerleading prior to the Fall Sports season of the 2015-16 school year will NOT count toward the PE Waiver.**



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#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. What constitutes a full season in New Albany Plain Local School District?** Criteria for full participation are determined by the Athletic Director / Band Director. A full season is the first practice until the last event or banquet as per the athletic handbook.
- 2. For the PE Waiver, will participation in other activities, which involve physical activity on the part of the student, be counted toward the two semesters of PE?** No, the Ohio Revised Code specifically limits the participation to district-sponsored interscholastic athletics, marching band, and cheerleading. There is no authority granted to a board of education to include any other activities.
- 3. How much Physical Education is required to graduate from New Albany High School?** Students are required to complete one-half unit of Physical Education for graduation. Both elective and traditional Physical Education courses require a minimum of 120 hours of course instruction to earn one-half unit of credit.
- 4. Are there any other requirements students must meet beyond the two full seasons of participation in interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading?** Yes. Exempted students must also complete one-half unit of credit in another curricular area to compensate for the one-half credit they will not earn in Physical Education. This one-half unit of credit in another curricular area keeps the minimum number of credits required for graduation at 21.
- 5. What if the student is cut or ruled ineligible, quits, or has an athletic/activity code violation during the season?** The statute requires participation for “at least two full seasons.” The season during which a student was cut, quit, or had an athletic code violation cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement.
- 6. What happens if a student is injured during the season?** Injury will not prevent the completion of the season if the coach/director confirms that the student actively participated in and made contributions in spite of the injury.
- 7. If a student participates in only one full season of an approved activity, can the student be excused from .25 units of PE and then take only .25 units of PE to meet the graduation requirement?** No. The Ohio Revised Code requires participation for “at least two full seasons.” There is no provision in law that would permit any type of partial waiver. Students must either complete .50 units in PE or two full seasons in athletics, marching band, or cheerleading. Partial combinations are not permitted.
- 8. Can team managers or statisticians utilize the PE waiver?** No. Team managers and statisticians are not eligible for the waiver. Only students physically participating in the activity are eligible.



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**9. How does this apply to transfer students?** Students transferring into New Albany High School who have earned the PE Waiver in their former school district will be able to use the PE Waiver in New Albany. Students who are transferring from New Albany to another high school must check with their new high school to determine whether the school will honor the PE Waiver earned at New Albany High School.

**10. Can students use two different sports to fulfill the PE waiver requirement of two full seasons?** Yes, students may use two different sports; for example, one full season of football and one full season of wrestling would fulfill the requirements for the PE waiver.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER APPLICATION FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Student must complete two (2) seasons of an approved OHSA activity/sport that is *fully sponsored by NAPLS* AND obtain all signatures for BOTH seasons before submitting to the Counseling Secretary in E Office.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

**Season 1 Sport/Activity**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Basketball         | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Basketball          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Cross Country      | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Cross Country       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Golf               | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Golf                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Lacrosse           | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Lacrosse            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Soccer             | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Soccer              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Swimming           | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Swimming            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Tennis             | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Tennis              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Track              | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Track               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling               | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Volleyball          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football                | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball                | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sideline Cheer Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Sideline Cheer Basketball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Team                |

**Season 1 Signatures**

Student	_____	Date	_____
Parent	_____	Date	_____
Advisor or Athletic Dept.	_____	Date	_____

**-complete Season 2 Information and Signatures on other side of this form-**



### Season 2 Sport/Activity

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Basketball         | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Basketball          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Cross Country      | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Cross Country       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Golf               | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Golf                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Lacrosse           | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Lacrosse            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Soccer             | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Soccer              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Swimming           | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Swimming            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Tennis             | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Tennis              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys Track              | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Track               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball                | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sideline Cheer Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Sideline Cheer Basketball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Team                |

### Season 2 Signatures

Student	_____	Date	_____
Parent	_____	Date	_____
Advisor or Athletic Dept.	_____	Date	_____

### -FOR OFFICE USE ONLY-

DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE PROCESSED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROCESSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE IN CUMULATIVE FOLDER.