



Physical Education Requirement / Waiver 2017 – 2018



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

In June 2008, the Florida State Legislature passed a bill that included changes to the physical education requirement for Florida middle school students.

Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, students in grades 6-8 are required to have the equivalent of one semester of physical education each year.

Pasco County middle schools will implement the requirement as follows:

- 6th grade – one semester of PE on the current 6th grade wheel
- 7th grade – one semester of PE paired with a semester of an elective course
- 8th grade – one semester of PE paired with a semester of an elective course

The legislation allows for parents to waive the middle school physical education requirement if the student meets one of the following criteria:

1. The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course (parent waiver not required).
2. The parent requests that the student enroll in another elective course offered by the school at that grade level.
3. The student is participating in physical activities outside the school day, which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

_____ My child meets one of the above criteria and requests courses other than physical education.

Please contact your school administration if you have any questions or concerns regarding the physical education requirements or waiver criteria.

_____ Student Name

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Student #

_____ Grade

_____ Date