

## Franklin High School Physical Education Waiver Information

Waivers for Physical Education classes will be considered for the six reasons listed below. The form must be completed and turned in to the student's counselor during the semester for which she/he is asking for a waiver with the exception of requests due to full academic load. Full academic load requests are turned in beginning junior year when a student can verify that she/he has no capacity in her/his to complete the full PE requirement. Late waivers will not be accepted unless approved by the principal.

**An individual PE waiver form must be submitted for each request of .5 credit.**

Reasons for the Waiver	Waiver Process
<b>A) Health/Medical</b>	The student must turn in the waiver request form with a doctor's note attached. She/he can request .5 waiver per semester. Please be advised that chronic illness for which accommodations can be made will not be considered a sufficient reason for a waiver.
<b>B) Religious</b>	The student must turn in the waiver request form with a letter of verification for her/his religious leader. Students may request to waive up to 2.0.
<b>C) Directed Athletics</b>	Students will receive a waiver for .5 credit for every season they complete a Seattle Public Schools extra-curricular athletic program. Students participating in competitive club sports that meet for a minimum of 5 hours/week for 18 weeks (or the equivalent), or participate in Franklin marching band, cheer, dance or drill teams for the entire year may apply for .5 credit waiver per season. Students shall turn in the waiver request with the coach's signature by the end of the semester in which the season is completed. A personal membership at a gym does not qualify.
<b>D) Military Service</b>	Students must turn in a waiver request form with a letter of verification from the student's military supervisor. The student may request .5 waiver per semester.
<b>E) Economics</b>	The student must work to assist the family or is self-supported. Employment verification must accompany the request form. Students can request .5 credit waiver per semester.
<b>F) Other Good Cause</b>	The most common reason for this request occurs when a student has a full academic course load that does not allow her/him the time in the school day to meet the physical education requirement. (Drama, Mock Trial, and Band are considered academic classes for this purpose.) Students must turn in the waiver request form with a letter of explanation as to the rationale for their request along with an academic history, displayed by semester, and current semester schedule. Students with open periods or TA positions will not be granted a waiver. Students may request .5 credit per semester. They may not request a waiver until the number of semesters remaining prior to their graduation is the same or less than the number of PE classes still needed.

**Questions regarding this process can be answered by a Franklin High School Counselor.**

