



RIDGWAY MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

PURPOSE

The Ridgway Area School District recognizes the challenges of scheduling elective classes for students who want to enrich their educational experience while attending high school. In an effort to provide scheduling flexibility to high school students, RHS juniors and seniors may earn physical education credits required for graduation by participating in a PIAA/Board approved athletic program.

REQUIREMENTS TO OPT OUT OF PHYS ED JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR

Freshman Year – Enroll in a Phys Ed Class and pass with a “C” or better.

Sophomore Year – Enroll in a Phys Ed Class and pass with a “C” or better.

Junior Year – Enroll in a Phys Ed Class –OR- Participate in a PIAA/School Board approved athletic program.

Senior Year – Enroll in a Phys Ed Class –OR- Participate in a PIAA/School Board approved athletic program.

*Students completing the athletic season will be awarded a (.5) Phys Ed credit.

*Students NOT completing the athletic season will be scheduled for a Phys Ed class the next semester.

REGISTRATION

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

I have read, understand and agree to the terms for opting out of Phys Ed this school year. Upon successfully completing my athletic season, I will receive a (.5) credit for Phys Ed class. Should I not complete my athletic season, I understand that I will be scheduled for Phys Ed during the next semester.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Principal's Signature

Date

Guidance Signature

Date

Sport (s) you are participating in

*****SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL ALL SIGNATURES ARE OBTAINED*****

RHS PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

Adopted August 2013

Juniors and Seniors participating in a PIAA/Board approved athletic program offered in the Ridgway Area School District are eligible for academic credit by:

1. Completing the Physical Education Credit for PIAA/School Board Approved Athletic Program Form; completing all PIAA Physical Requirements and returning them to the Principal's Office two weeks prior to the start of the season.
2. Abiding by the process and all team/program requirements and rules including attendance, participation, effort, and sportsmanship.
3. Completing and returning the School Affiliated Sport(s) Time Sheet within two weeks of the completion of the sport.
4. Maintaining academic and physical eligibility for the duration of the official season. Academic or physical ineligibility shall result in the student athlete not being eligible to earn the PE credit for that season.

Ridgway Area School District Procedure

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT

FOR PARTICIPATION IN PIAA/BOARD APPROVED ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

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1. All RHS freshmen and sophomores are required to enroll in a physical education class during 9th and 10th grade. RHS freshmen and sophomores must have successfully passed both physical education classes with at least a "C" or better, earning 1 credit by the conclusion of their sophomore year.
2. Juniors and Seniors who have passed both physical education classes with at least a "C" or better, earning 1 credit of physical education by the conclusion of their sophomore year are eligible to earn 1 credit of physical education through participation in a PIAA/Board approved athletic program.
3. Juniors and Seniors can elect to earn a maximum of 1 physical education credit by:
 - a. participating in two different PIAA/Board approved athletic programs during one school year (e.g. football = .5 credit and wrestling = .5 credit).
 - b. participating in one PIAA/Board approved athletic program for two consecutive seasons/ school years. (e.g. football as a junior = .5 credit and football as a senior = .5 credit)
4. Students earning physical education credit through participation in a PIAA/Board approved athletic program will be awarded credit toward graduation as pass/fail.
5. Physical education credits earned toward graduation through participation in a PIAA/Board approved athletic program will be clearly designated on a student's transcript as "Team Sport Pass/Fail".
6. Juniors and Seniors who choose not to participate in a PIAA/Board approved athletic program can earn 1 physical education credit by:
 - a. enrolling in a physical education class during their junior and senior year.

Students, who do not meet this criteria and the time lines associated here in during the fall athletic season WILL NOT be awarded a .5 PE credit and will be scheduled into a pe class during second semester. Students are required to earn 2 pe credits prior to graduating.