



Board of Education Informational Report

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 5, 2021
To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Elisa Schorr, Area Senior Director- High Schools
Subject: Students requesting exemption from state PE requirement

As part of Division 22 standards, all students requesting an exemption from the state Physical Education (PE) credit requirement must receive approval by their local School Board in order for a waiver to be granted and the requirement to be removed from their transcript.

The Portland School District currently has two students who have requested waivers from PE. In accordance with the OAR listed below, all students have a physician statement that documents their specific physical limitation as it relates to this requirement, as well as a written statement of agreement from their parent/guardian. All students will replace the PE credit requirement with alternative coursework as required by the OAR. For the sake of student confidentiality, we are not including the list of students with this memo. However, if you have any specific questions about the students and their requests, you may contact the Office of High Schools to discuss the request.

OAR: 581-02201910 Exemptions:

1) The school district may excuse students from a state required program or learning activity, where necessary, to accommodate students' disabilities or religious beliefs:

(a) Approval of the exemption shall be based upon and shall include:

(A) A written request from the student's parent or guardian or the student, if that student is 18 years of age or older or a legally emancipated minor, listing the reasons for the request and a proposed alternative for an individualized learning activity which substitutes for the period of time exempt from the program and meets the goals of the learning activity or course being exempt;

(B) An evaluation of the request and approval by appropriate school personnel (the alternative should be consistent with the student's educational progress and career goals as described in OARs 581-022-1670 and 581-022-1510).

(b) Following approval by the district school board, and upon completion of the alternative, credit shall be granted to the student.

2) The school district may approve and grant credit to a student for the alternative to a state required program or learning activity if the procedures in the section (1) of this rule are followed.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 326.051

Stats. Implemented: ORS 326.051

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