

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What constitutes a “full season” in Troy City Schools?** A full season for athletic/cheerleading purposes is defined by the OHSAA as from the first day of practice until the last event or banquet per the athletic handbook. A full season of Marching Band will be defined from the first day of Band Camp until the completion of the last outdoor band competition.

**For Physical Education (PE) Exemption, will other activities (show choirs, non-school-sponsored athletics, etc.) which involve physical activity on the part of the students be counted toward the two semesters of PE?** No. The statute specifically limits the participation to interscholastic athletics, marching band, cheerleading and JROTC. There is no authority granted to a board of education to include any additional participation.

**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 in another curricular area. This one-half unit in another curricular area maintains the 21 required credits for graduation.

**What if a 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 is cut or ruled ineligible, quits or has an athletic/activity code violation cannot be used to meet the two-season requirement.

**If a student participates in only one full season of an approved activity, can the student be excused from .25 units of PE and thus have to take only .25 units of PE to complete his or her PE requirement under the Ohio Core?** No. The statute requires participation “for at least two full seasons.” There is no provision in the law that would permit any type of a partial waiver.

**What happens if a student is injured during the season?** Injury will not prevent the completion of one season if the coach/director concedes that the student actively participated in 75% of practices and participated and/or was able to participate in 75% of the contests.

**Can team managers or statisticians complete the waiver?** No, Troy team managers and statisticians are not eligible for the waiver. Only students physically participating in the interscholastic athletics, marching band, and cheerleading are eligible.

**What if a student is “cut” from a team, can he/she join another team for that same reason and have that count as a season toward the PE Waiver?** Yes. As long as the student is able to join the team within three week days after being cut and new PE Waiver form is submitted to the counselor within the established dates for each season.

**If I transferred into THS from another school district, can I retroactively ask that the extracurricular that I participated in my former high school be considered for PE Waiver at THS?** It depends. If your former school did not have a PE Waiver available, then you could submit the THS forms with verification from your former school administrator and THS for approved activities beginning the fall season of 2016. If your former school had a PE Waiver available and you elected not to request it there, then you cannot request it at THS.