

## Physical Education

(b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require that the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school program under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students successfully complete:

(8) except as provided by Subsection (b-11), one credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C).

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<p>(A) The required credit may be selected from any combination of the following one-half to one credit courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Foundations of Personal Fitness;</li> <li>(ii) Adventure/Outdoor Education;</li> <li>(iii) Aerobic Activities; and</li> <li>(iv) Team or Individual Sports.</li> </ul> <p>(B) In accordance with local district policy, credit for any of the courses listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph may be earned through participation in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Athletics;</li> <li>(ii) JROTC; and</li> <li>(iii) appropriate private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs ... conducted on or off campus. The district must apply to the commissioner of education for approval of such programs, which may be substituted for state graduation credit in physical education. Such approval may be granted under the following conditions.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(I) Olympic-level participation and/or competition includes a minimum of 15 hours per week of highly intensive, professional, supervised training. The training facility, instructors, and the activities involved in the program must be certified by the superintendent to be of exceptional quality. Students qualifying and participating at this level may be dismissed from school one hour per day. Students dismissed may not miss any class other than physical education.</li> <li>(II) Private or commercially sponsored physical activities include those certified by the superintendent to be of high quality and well supervised by appropriately trained instructors. Student participation of at least five hours per week must be required. Students certified to participate at this level may not be dismissed from any part of the regular school day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(C) In accordance with local district policy, up to one credit for any one of the courses listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph may be earned through participation in any of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Drill Team;</li> <li>(ii) Marching Band; and</li> <li>(iii) Cheerleading.</li> </ul> <p>(D) All substitution activities allowed in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph must include at least 100 minutes per five-day school week of moderate to vigorous physical activity.</p> <p>(E) Credit may not be earned for any course identified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph more than once. No more than four substitution credits may be earned through any combination of substitutions allowed in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph.</p> <p>(F) A student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to disability or illness may substitute an academic elective credit (English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies) for the physical education credit requirement. The determination regarding a student's ability to participate in physical activity will be made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee if the student receives special education services under the Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 29, Subchapter A;</li> <li>(ii) the committee established for the student under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 United States Code, §794) if the student does not receive special education services under the TEC, Chapter 29, Subchapter A, but is covered by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or</li> <li>(iii) a committee established by the school district of persons with appropriate knowledge regarding the student if each of the committees described by clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph is inapplicable. This committee shall follow the same procedures required of an ARD or a Section 504 committee.</li> </ul>			<p>Maintain same or similar language</p>