

HOME SCHOOLING FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION -INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS-

Fairmont High School students have the option of completing their physical education requirement through home schooling. This program allows students to earn this requirement outside of school. Some students find this advantageous, as they are then able to take another elective.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

Please carefully read all of the information and instructions provided to you in this document with regard to Home Schooling for Physical Education.

There are several **specific requirements** that a student must fulfill in order to earn credit for physical education through home schooling. These instructions also list activities that **will NOT be counted** toward the minimum number of physical activity hours required in order to receive the credit.

A student's request for credit for physical education **may be denied** if he/she does not complete the required number of hours of **accepted physical activity as outlined in these instructions.**

Points to Consider:

- Students need a total of $\frac{1}{2}$ credit of physical education to graduate. This is usually earned by taking 2 semesters of physical education with $\frac{1}{4}$ credit earned for each semester. If your student does not have any physical education credit, they will need a minimum of 120 physical activity hours earned through this program to earn the entire $\frac{1}{2}$ credit needed for graduation. If your student already has $\frac{1}{4}$ credit for physical education, they will need a minimum of 60 physical activity hours to earn the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ credit. If your student wishes to earn only $\frac{1}{4}$ credit through home schooling and wishes to take the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ credit via a regular P.E. class or through summer school, this is also acceptable.
- Senior students who are lacking physical education credit and wish to earn that credit through this program, must apply for the program before the **first week of February** of their senior year.
- Your student's physical activities for the purposes of this program may not be connected with any Fairmont activities or athletic practices. Also, activities that are connected with a student's job, chores at home, or normal routine activities are not acceptable. Please do not include activities such as walking home from school, raking leaves, mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, sled riding, walking around the mall, etc. Acceptable activities include exercise work-outs, swimming laps, weight training, jogging, basketball, tennis, etc. If your student plays on a select team or a team not connected with Fairmont sports, practice time may be counted for home schooling activity hours, but time spent playing in actual games may not be counted.
- Students who utilize this program will receive a letter grade of either "A" or "B".

To earn a letter grade of "B", a student must complete a minimum of 60 activity hours for each $\frac{1}{4}$ credit desired. (Students should log a few extra hours in case some of the activities are not accepted.)

To earn a letter grade of "A", a student must complete a minimum of 60 activity hours for each $\frac{1}{4}$ credit desired **plus** take a comprehensive exam. (Students should log a few extra hours in case some of the activities are not accepted.) A textbook (250 pages) will be provided as a study guide for the exam and must be checked out at the Student Services Office at the Board of Education. After completion of the log, the exam will be administered at the Student Services office. Students must receive a 90% or higher on the exam to earn the "A".

- If a student is currently taking Physical Education, they may not drop that class in order to participate in this program.
- If your student is a Fairmont athlete, they must take 5 academic classes. If they should not pass one of these classes, they will lose their athletic eligibility. Please be aware of this fact if your student is not replacing their physical education class with another academic class.

TO APPLY FOR THE GRADE OF "B" OPTION:

- Complete the attached Home Schooling Notification Form for Physical Education. For question #6 on the application, please check the grade of "B" option. For question #8 on the application, please check the number of activity hours desired. If your student wishes to utilize the program for ½ credit (120 activity hours), the application need only be filled out once. This program does not follow the regular school year calendar.
- Mail the application to:
Kettering City Schools
Student Services/Home Schooling
3750 Far Hills Avenue
Kettering, Ohio 45429
- If the application is in order, your student will be approved for the program and you will receive an approval letter in the mail.
- Your student should then start their own log of their physical activities. (We do not provide a blank log for them to complete). The log should list:
 - 1.) the date of the physical activity
 - 2.) type of physical activity (such as jogging, weight training, swimming, exercising, etc.)
 - 3.) the amount of time that was spent on the activity on that date
 - 4.) a running total of the activity hours so your student knows how close they are to completing the required number of hours
- When your student has logged the total number of hours required, make a copy for your records and mail or bring the original log to Student Services at the address listed above.
- After receipt of the log, the activity hours will be converted into physical education credit. A letter will be mailed to you stating that your student has earned the grade of "B" as well as the amount of credit earned through the program. A copy of the letter will also be sent to the high school guidance department so the grade/credit earned can be entered into your student's record. The Home School Phys. Ed. grade will not be on your student's report card, but will show on their transcript.
- Students are encouraged to complete this program as quickly as possible. However, if a student is approved for the program and we do not receive the log during the current school year, it is assumed that the student is still working to complete their activity hours. In this situation, their home schooling/PE file will simply be rolled-over to the next school year awaiting completion and submission of their log of activities.
- Students who are approved for the program must complete the program requirements by the **first week of March of their senior year**. The Physical Education grade/credit earned cannot be issued until the student's log is submitted to Student Services. It is the student's responsibility to submit the log in a timely manner. Students should plan ahead to complete the program requirements before their senior year.
- If you have any questions, please call Student Services at 499-1434.

TO APPLY FOR THE GRADE OF "A" OPTION:

- Complete the attached Home Schooling Notification Form for Physical Education. For question #6 on the application, please check the grade of "A" option. For question #8 on the application, please check the number of activity hours desired. If your student wishes to utilize the program for ½ credit (120 activity hours), the application need only be filled out once. This program does not follow the regular school year calendar.
- Mail the application to:
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- If the application is in order, your student will be approved for the program and you will receive an approval letter in the mail.
- Your student should then start their own log of their physical activities. (We do not provide a blank log for them to complete). The log should list:
 - 1.) the date of the physical activity
 - 2.) type of physical activity (such as jogging, weight training, swimming, exercising, etc.)
 - 3.) the amount of time that was spent on the activity on that date
 - 4.) a running total of the activity hours so your student knows how close they are to completing the required number of hours
- Parent or student must come in to Student Services to check out the textbook (250 pages) for the exam. It is recommended that the textbook be checked out when the student's log is close to completion.
- When your student has logged the total number of hrs. required and has studied the textbook, call 499-1433 to schedule the exam. Make a copy of the log for your records. The original **log and textbook** must be turned in at the **beginning** of the exam. Students must score a 90% or higher on the exam to receive a grade of "A". If their score is below 90%, they will receive a "B".
- After the exam has been graded, the activity hours will be converted into credit. A letter will be mailed to you stating the grade and amount of credit your student earned through the program. A copy of the letter will also be sent to the high school guidance department so the grade/credit earned can be entered into your student's record. The Home School Phys. Ed. grade will not be on your student's report card, but will show on their transcript.
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- Students who are approved for the program must complete the program requirements by the **first week of March of their senior year**. The Physical Education grade/credit earned cannot be issued until the student's log has been submitted to Student Services, the study guide has been returned, and the student has taken the exam. It is the student's responsibility to meet these requirements in a timely manner. Students should plan ahead to complete the program requirements before their senior year.
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STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HOME EDUCATION NOTIFICATION FORM

NOTIFICATION

A parent who elects to provide home education shall supply the following information to the superintendent:

1. School year in which notification is originally made: 20 11 - 20 12

2. Name of parent _____
Address _____

Telephone Number * _____

3. Name, address, and telephone number of person who will be teaching the child the subjects set forth in #5 if other than the parent.
Name _____
Address _____

Telephone Number (optional) _____

4. Full name, birthdate, and grade level (for school year for which this notification is made) of child(ren) to be educated at home:

Child's Name	Birthdate	Grade *
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. Assurance that home education will include the following, except that home education shall not be required to include any concept, topic, or practice that is in conflict with the sincerely held religious beliefs of the parent:
 - (a) Language, reading, spelling, and writing;
 - (b) Geography, history of the United States and Ohio; and national, state, and local government;
 - (c) Mathematics;
 - (d) Science;
 - (e) Health;
 - (f) Physical education; **ONLY**
 - (g) Fine arts, including music; and
 - (h) First aid, safety, and fire prevention

6. Brief outline of the intended curriculum. Such outline is for informational purposes only.
_____ FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADE OF "A" (log + exam)
_____ FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADE OF "B" (log only)

7. ~~List of:~~

- ~~_____ textbooks;
_____ correspondence course;
_____ commercial curricula; or
_____ other basic teaching materials that the parent intends to use for home education.~~

~~Such list is for informational purposes only.~~

8. _____ Assurance that the child will be provided a minimum of **60** hours (1/4 credit) of home education.
_____ Assurance that the child will be provided a minimum of **120** hours (1/2 credit) of home education.

9. Assurance that the home teacher has one of the following qualifications:

- _____ a high school diploma; or
_____ the certificate of high school equivalence; or
_____ standardized test scores that demonstrate high school equivalence; or
_____ other equivalent credential found appropriate by the superintendent; or
_____ lacking the above, the home teacher must work under the direction of a person holding a baccalaureate degree from a recognized college until the child/children's test results demonstrate reasonable proficiency or until the home teacher obtains a high school diploma or the certificate of high school equivalence.

10. The parent(s) shall affirm the information supplied with his or her signature prior to providing it to the superintendent.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of affirmation

* optional