

Education Program

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Students in grades one through twelve are required to participate in physical education courses unless they are excused by the principal of their attendance center.

All students in grades 9-12 are required to complete one (1) semester of physical education course work per academic year. This course will meet daily for one class period and earn .5 credit per semester.

Students may be excused from physical education courses if the student presents a written statement from a doctor stating that such activities could be injurious to the health of the student or the student has been exempted because of a conflict with the student's religious beliefs.

- in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 256.11.5.g, students in grades 9-12 may also be excused from physical education courses if:the student is enrolled in academic courses not otherwise available, or
- the student has obtained a physical education waiver for a semester because the student is actively involved in an athletic program.
- the student is participating in the Legislative Page Program at the state capitol for a regular session of the general assembly; or
- the student is enrolled in a junior reserve officer training corps.

Eleventh and twelfth grade students may also be excused from physical education courses if the student is enrolled in a cooperative, work study or other educational program authorized by the school which requires the student's absence from school.

Students who will not participate in physical education must have a written request or statement from their parents.

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