

## HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT APPLICATION

In accordance with Michigan Legislature Act 451 of 1976 Section 1278a, students in grades 9-11 may be excused from the physical education (PE) requirement for graduation. This can be achieved by participating in District-sponsored interscholastic athletics, cheerleading or pompon for one season or marching band or color guard for two seasons.

Should a student become injured or not complete the season for ANY reason, he/she must find an alternate way to satisfy his/her PE requirement. Participation in interscholastic athletics, marching band, color guard, cheerleading, and pompon, is a privilege, and not a right. This policy shall not in any way be construed as granting a student the right to participate in such district-sponsored activities. Board rules and policies including the Code of Conduct continue to apply. In addition, any student participating in this policy shall be subject to any athletic fee and/or pay-to-participate fee.

### Procedure for Documenting Physical Education Course Credit:

1. Prior to participating in a full-season of a sport, cheerleading, pompon, or two seasons in marching band, or color guard, and by the dates listed below, the student should complete and turn in the PE Credit Application to the high school Counseling Office. PE Credit Application forms can be obtained in the Counseling Office, or downloaded from the Counseling link on the Heritage High School web page.
2. Forms will be kept in the athletic office or band office until the seasons are completed. Forms will then be verified by the athletic director or marching band director and given to the Counseling Office for record keeping.
3. The guidance counselor will add the PE credit to the student's official transcript.

The following due dates apply for the PE Credit Application form:

**Prior to the start of a new semester    Prior to Enrollment (new student)**

Any student who has not fulfilled the PE requirement prior to the beginning of his or her senior year will be scheduled into a PE class. Participation in an athletic team, marching band, or cheerleading will not qualify for the credit during senior year without the approval of the administration.

### **Approved Interscholastic Athletic Teams:**

<b>Baseball</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Cheer</b>	<b>Cross Country</b>
<b>Football</b>	<b>Golf</b>	<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Lacrosse</b>	<b>PomPon</b>
<b>Ski</b>	<b>Soccer</b>	<b>Softball</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Tennis</b>
<b>Track and Field</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Wrestling</b>		

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**What constitutes a “full season” in Heritage High School (HHS)?** A full season for athletic purposes is defined by the Heritage Athletic Handbook as from the first day of practice (for that season) until the last event or banquet. A full season of Marching Band will be defined from the first day of Band Camp until the completion of the last varsity football game.

**For Physical Education (PE) Credit, will other activities (show choirs, non- school-sponsored athletics, etc.) which involve physical activity on the part of students be counted toward the one semesters of PE?** No. The Board policy specifically limits the participation to interscholastic athletics, marching band, color guard, cheerleading, and pompon.

**What if a student is cut or ruled ineligible, quits, or has an athletic/activity code violation during the season?** The Board policy requires participation “a full-season of an interscholastic sport, cheerleading, or pompon, or two seasons in marching band, or color guard”. 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 requirement.

**What if a student is “cut” from a team, can he/she join another team that same season and have that count as a season toward the PE Credit?** Yes. As long as the student is able to join the team within one (1) week after being cut and a new PE Credit Application form is submitted to the counselor within the established dates for each season.

**If I transferred into HHS from another school district, can I retroactively ask that the extracurricular that I participated in my former high school be considered for PE Credit at HHS?** No. The student must have done so at their previous school.



# Heritage High School Physical Education Credit Application Form

Complete and return to the Counseling office **PRIOR** to the following dates:

**Prior to the start of a new semester  
Prior to Enrollment (new student)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT, PLEASE INITIAL AFTER EACH STATEMENT

- I must complete **ONE** full season of an approved interscholastic athletic sport, cheerleading, or pompon, or \_\_\_\_\_ **TWO** full seasons of marching band or color guard.
- I understand that a full season is defined as one sport season (fall, winter, or spring) that begins with the established \_\_\_\_\_ MHSAA season start date or one academic season of marching band.
- I understand that if I drop marching band, cut from the team, ruled injured, quit the team, ruled ineligible during the \_\_\_\_\_ season, or have a violation of our athletic code during the season, the credit applied for that season will no longer be valid.
- I understand that by receiving this credit I will need to be a participant in 75% of the season's activities in order to \_\_\_\_\_ receive credit. I understand participation in interscholastic athletics, marching band, color guard, cheerleading, and pompon, is a privilege and not a right. This policy shall not in any way be construed as granting me the right to participate in such district-sponsored activities. Board rules and policies including the Code of Conduct continue to apply. In addition, any student participating in this policy shall be subject to **ANY** fees associated with that activity.
- I understand that a PE credit will only be given for the activity listed. A PE credit will not be given retroactively. \_\_\_\_\_

*It is understood that the above requirements must be fulfilled in order to receive the Physical Education Credit for Heritage High School and State of the Michigan graduation requirement of one-half credit of physical education.*

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Office Use ONLY

The Counseling Office asks you to verify that the above-named student has successfully completed each season of activity.

### **DO NOT FILL OUT THIS SECTION IF BROUGHT TO YOU BY A STUDENT.**

School Year Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Semester 1 \_\_\_\_ or Semester 2 \_\_\_\_

A.D./Marching Band Director signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PE Credit entered into Skyward by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_