

NBISD's Off-Campus Physical Education (OCPE) Program:

Purpose

The purpose of the OCPE Program is to accommodate students who are making a serious effort to develop higher-level skills in a specific activity that exceed what the school district can offer through the general physical education program. The OCPE Program allows students in 6th through 12th grades to earn credits that meet the district and state physical education requirements. Students will be expected to be physically educated, along with being physically active. They will be expected to show accountability of skill development, learned physical activity and health concepts and social development through participation in their selected physical activity and written and tested assignments that are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Physical Education.

Description

The OCPE Program is a partnership between the New Braunfels Independent School District and approved off-campus agencies that provide activities such as: Dance, Gymnastics, Swimming and Tennis. Please refer to the link in the OCPE section for a complete list of NBISD/TEA OCPE approved agencies. Only practice hours may count towards the state required time. Game days and competitions will not count toward the total weekly participation hours. Agencies must provide an alternative place of instruction during inclement weather. Students will receive a numerical grade for each six weeks period and a final numerical grade for the semester.

Students may participate in either of the categories described below. Students may not be enrolled in OCPE and any other general Physical Education class or Physical Education substitution at the same time.

- **Category I - Olympic/National 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. **PLEASE NOTE: Students who leave for instruction during the school day cannot participate in UIL activities in the same sport.**
- **Category II - Not Olympic Level but certified to be of High Quality** - Participation includes a minimum of 5 hours per week at a private or commercially-sponsored agency that provides physical activities which include those certified by the superintendent to be of high quality and well supervised by appropriately trained instructors. **Students certified to participate at this level may not be dismissed from any part of the regular school day.**

***Please Note:** As determined by Texas Education Code, the requirements are different for High School students vs. Middle School students. For students in grades 9-12, TEC allows participation in a Category I or II program to substitute for the state physical education graduation requirement. Students in grades 6-8 are only exempt from the 150 minutes per week of moderate to vigorous physical activity requirement. **Students in grades 6-8 must demonstrate mastery of the Physical Education TEKS by completing an online PE course before the end of the semester/year they are enrolled in OCPE.**

Procedure

- 1 Check to make sure the agency is on the NBISD/TEA approved OCPE list.
- 2 If so, notify your school's counselor before the start of the semester and let them know you are interested in participating in the OCPE program. If not, see the "How to Become an Approved OCPE Agency" section of this website.
- 3 Student and parent must annually complete and sign an OCPE "Release of, and Indemnification from All Claims" form that is to be kept by the student's counselor.
- 4 Supply the OCPE Agency Coordinator with an "OCPE Report of Student Progress" for each six week period. These reports can be obtained from the student's counselor or from this website.
- 5 Complete online PE course if enrolled in grades 6-8. See school counselor for details.