

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA**

345.64

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT OPTION**

Beginning with the 2021-2022 academic school year, Menomonie High School students who successfully complete a season of school-sponsored sports or other physical activity approved by the school board shall be allowed to substitute an additional 0.5 credit in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, or Health Education in place of the final 0.5 credit in Physical Education required for graduation provided that the following criteria have been met:

1. Student has earned 1.0 credit in physical education.
2. Student has successfully completed at least one (1) full season of a Menomonie High School activity sanctioned by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) or the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches (WACPC).
  - a. Successful completion will include inclusive expectations such as regular attendance at all team activities, adherence to team rules, and eligibility for competition. Playing time, skill level, or other competition measures shall not be used to determine successful completion.
  - b. If the student was injured after the beginning of any of the sports seasons but continued to participate in team activities as appropriate for the remainder of the season, he/she still satisfies this requirement.
  - c. Documentation of the successful completion of all high school level athletics will be kept on file by the Activities Director.
3. Student successfully completes an additional 0.5 credit, (earning a passing grade), in a course in the area of: English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, or Health Education.
4. Student submits written request to the Building Principal (Exhibit 345.64)
  - a. Step 1 - To be completed prior to course enrollment.
  - b. Step 2 - To be completed following course completion.

Students not able to meet the requirements for participation in any of the school's WIAA/WACPC sports programs due to disability or other identified need, but who have participated in another organized physical activity approved by the High School Principal under similar conditions as outlined above, may also be eligible for this physical education credit option.

A student who qualifies for the physical education credit option under this policy may complete the alternative course in lieu of one-half credit of physical education at any time during their high school years.

Nothing in this policy shall prevent a student who is eligible for accommodations to the high school graduation requirements, including the credit requirements, under other District policies from receiving those accommodations.

