

Northside Independent School District
Off-Campus Physical Education
Guidelines for Private or Commercially Sponsored
Physical Activity Programs

1. Program Description

The **Off-Campus Physical Education Program** is designed for students who are involved in an individual, private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs that lead to Olympic level participation and/or competition, not to include a team sport. The program is a cooperative arrangement among Northside Independent School District, the student, and an approved off-campus agency selected by the student and not a team sport.

A student must train a minimum of 15 hours per week which allows the student to receive .5 credit of physical education per semester. A pass/fail grade will be issued by the agency.

2. Qualifications

Students must meet Northside's qualifying criteria for each selected sport for acceptance in the program. In addition the student must participate in his/her selected activity, at the approved agency, under the supervision of a professional coach.

3. Activities Offered

Activities available through the Off-Campus Program are approved by the local school board and by the Texas Education Agency. The selected activities are not offered comprehensively through the physical education or athletic departments.

4. Northside Central Office Responsibilities

- Verify the program and instructor authenticity. Issue final approval.
- Monitor all agencies where students are enrolled.
- Maintain a record of all TEA/Northside approved off-campus physical education agencies.
- Forward grades and attendance from agencies to the schools for each student.

5. Agency Requirements

- Sign all applications, contracts, and agreements to the satisfaction of the Northside Independent School District.
- Provide qualified coaches/instructors who will teach required lessons and provide necessary supervision.
- Maintain an accurate record of student's attendance and inform the appropriate school authority if a student's attendance becomes irregular.
- Submit grade and attendance forms to the Health and Physical Education Department for each grading period.

6. Student Requirements for Participation

- Must meet Northside ISD's qualifying criteria for each selected sport.
- Must complete an application and return to the Health and Physical Education Department.
- Must train in the activity a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week to receive .5 credit per semester. Students qualifying and participating at this level may be dismissed from school one period per day for such participation. Students dismissed must not be permitted to miss any academic class (other than physical education).
- All District attendance regulations will be followed.
- Any student abusing the program by irregular attendance will be withdrawn from the course.

7. Student Responsibilities

- Confer with the school counselor about the plans and obtain an application.
- Return a complete application to the Health and Physical Education Department that has been filled out by both the student and the agency.
- Obtain final approval for participation in the off-campus physical education program.

8. Counselor Responsibilities

- Explain the program, especially student responsibilities.
- Schedule the student for late arrival or early dismissal, subject to the principal's approval.