

Weston Public School Policy re: High School Graduation and Physical Education Requirements

1. Weston High School (HS) Graduation requirements shall be determined by HS and District leaders with final approval by the Superintendent and School Committee. Requirements shall be posted in the HS Program of Studies, with any changes to be approved by the School Committee.

Additionally,

2. Seniors (students expected to graduate at the end of the current school year) involved in an interscholastic sport during their senior year may request that their participation in interscholastic sports substitute to satisfy their physical education course requirement for the year, in lieu of taking a physical education class that year. (Hereinafter “sports substitution”)
 - a. Requests must be signed by the student and their parent or guardian before submission to the Athletic Director.
 - b. The Athletic Director shall verify that each student’s participation satisfies requirements before signing the request form. The form shall then be sent to the student’s guidance counselor after approval for the student’s guidance records.
 - c. Any student receiving approval, and ultimately satisfying requirements, for “sports substitution” will be deemed to have satisfied physical education credit requirements for their senior year.
 - d. Typically students must be registered for an interscholastic sport their senior year to qualify for “sports substitution.” If course registration decisions need to be made prior to sports registration window opening (i.e. Spring Athlete picking Fall classes, etc.), participation as a Junior in WHS interscholastic sports will pre-qualify students to select courses by assuming “sports substitution” approval.
 - e. Students who do not complete a full interscholastic sports season their Junior year may still qualify for “sports substitution” if they participate in Fall Sports as a senior.
 - f. Students should submit the “**Sports Substitution Application Form**” (to be posted to the school website) to their guidance counselor by the second week of the semester in question.
 - g. The student must be at required activities throughout the season unless an excused absence is provided. If a student fails to participate fully in the sports season or withdraws from the team, they will be required to enroll in the required class immediately.

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