



## Orenda Charter School Off Campus Physical Education Policy and Waiver Application

Description: The State of Texas provides opportunities for high school students enrolled in grades 9-12 to attain physical education credit towards their state graduation credits in approved off campus PE programs (19 TAC Chapter 74).

Credit Requirements: To meet the graduation requirements, Orenda Charter School students must complete 1 credits in physical education. The waiver process at Orenda Charter School serves the purpose of allowing substitution for Category 1 programs (Olympic level) or Category 2 programs (approved by the Board of Directors or designee).

### **Guidelines for Category 1**

- The training facility, instructors, and activities are certified by the superintendent to be of exceptional quality.
- The program must include a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week of highly intensive, supervised professional training.
- Students who participate in the program may receive a maximum of one-half credits per semester up to a maximum of one credit per year and four credits in high school.
- Students who discontinue the program during the semester will be enrolled in the regular PE class to finish credit for that semester.
- The location of the program must be within reasonable driving distance from the campus.
- Students participating in this program are dismissed from school for no more than one period per day provided the school day is longer than 240 minutes.
- Students may not miss any other class other than physical education.



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### **Guidelines for Category 2**

- The program must be a private or commercially sponsored physical activity that is approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- The program must be high quality, well supervised and include a minimum of five (5) hours per week.
- Students who participate in the program may receive a maximum of one-half credits per semester up to a maximum of one credit per year and four credits in high school.
- Students who discontinue the program during the semester will be enrolled in the regular PE class to finish credit for that semester.
- The location of the program must be within reasonable driving distance from the campus.
- Students are not permitted to miss any part of the school day to participate in the program.



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**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT**

Parent Permission: Please initial each statement, fill in the required information, sign and date.

\_\_\_\_ I have carefully read the guidelines for the Off-Campus Physical Education Program and I agree to comply with those regulations.

\_\_\_\_ I hereby release Orenda Charter School, its employees, agents, and its Board of Trustees, from all claims or liability in any way attributable to this program, including all travel to, from, and during the program.

\_\_\_\_ I also understand that all liability in case of accident or hospitalization is the responsibility of the parent/guardian or of the private or commercial school. Orenda Education is not responsible for accidental or hospitalization insurance.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that Orenda Charter School has no control over the daily activities of the program, quality of the program or qualification of the instructor in the program.

My son/daughter (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

enrolled at (campus name) \_\_\_\_\_

has my permission to participate in the Off-Campus PE Program:

in (School Year\*) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

for (Approved Sport/Activity) \_\_\_\_\_

at (Location) \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Applications are only approved for the current or following school year and must be approved prior to completing off-campus PE. Applications are not approved for prior school years.

<i>Office Use Only</i>	
____ Approved	Date _____
Campus Principal _____	
Superintendent or designee _____	



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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FACILITY INSTRUCTOR**

The student must participate in his/her activity, under professional supervision, a minimum of five hours each week at one approved agency. The record concerning weekly attendance and grades must be completed and submitted to the Principal (Gateway Tech High School, Kingsland School, and New Horizons School) or Director of Student Services (Gateway College Preparatory School only) by the end of each nine week grading period published on the approved school calendar. The following schedule must be completed and signed by the instructor before the application will be considered.

	Beginning Time	Ending Time	Activity
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

As a qualified professional instructor, your signature verifies the above schedule and your agreement to submit attendance and grades to the school by the published grade reporting deadlines.

Instructor's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Instructor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*In order for the application to be approved, the instructor must submit a professional resume attached to this application.**