

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
FORT BEND ISD OFF-CAMPUS PHYSICAL EDUCATION
GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

1. Print a copy of the registration packet from the Health and PE website (<http://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/1128>) or pick up a packet from the counselors' office on your campus.
2. Check to see if your child's commercial establishment is included on the list on pages 5.
3. If your commercial establishment is listed, take pages 3 and 6 to the representative at your establishment. Have them complete the forms and you return it to the counselor at your school no later than August 1 for the Fall Semester and December 1 for the Spring Semester.
4. If your commercial establishment is not listed, take pages 3, 6, and 7 to your commercial establishment. Have them complete the forms and you return them to the counselor by August 1 for the Fall Semester and December 1 for the Spring Semester. The counselor will submit the forms to the Assistant Director of Athletics for approval. Because not all establishments will be approved, it is better to do this much earlier.
5. Approval letter as well as attendance & grade verification forms will be mailed home.
6. Be sure that your child's instructor understands that attendance and grade verification forms must be sent to your counselor at the end of each nine-week grading period. These forms must show days and hours of attendance and a numerical grade for that nine-week period.
7. Notify your child's school immediately if there is any change to your child's off campus physical education program. Students will not be allowed to change commercial establishments at any time during a semester.
8. Students in Category I will not be given the option of a second elective on campus and are not allowed to stay on campus for the period they are exempt from Physical Education.
9. Students will not be permitted to attend two commercial establishments in order to qualify for Category I and the 15 hour requirement.
10. Category II status is not open to middle school students.

FORT BEND I.S.D. OFF-CAMPUS PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMMISSIONER'S CRITERIA

Request for waivers for approval of private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs will be considered in two categories. These are:

CATEGORY 1

A Category 1 activity is a private or commercially sponsored physical activity that leads to Olympic level participation and/or competition. These programs typically involve a minimum of 15 hours per week of highly intense, professionally supervised training. The training facility, instructors, and the activities involved in the program must be certified by the superintendent or his/her designee to be of exceptional quality.

Students participating at this level may receive a maximum of one-half credit per semester. A total of two credits may be earned toward state high school graduation requirements for students who entered the 9th grade prior to the 2011-2012 school year.

Students who enter the 9th grade in the 2011-2012 school year can earn up to four credits toward state high school graduation.

Students qualifying and participating at this level may be dismissed from school one period (approximately one hour) per day for such participation. Students dismissed must not be permitted to miss any academic class (other than physical education).

It is anticipated that only a very limited number of students will qualify for this exceptional level of participation.

CATEGORY 2 (Waivers in Category 2 must be approved by the local board but do not require approval of the Texas Education Agency.)

A Category 2 activity is a private or commercially sponsored physical activity program as certified by the superintendent or his/her designee to be of high quality, well supervised by appropriately trained instructors, and consisting of a minimum of five (5) hours per week.

Students participating at this level may substitute a maximum of one-half credit per semester. A total of two credits may be earned toward state high school graduation requirements for students who entered the 9th grade prior to the 2011-2012 school year.

Students who enter the 9th grade in the 2011-2012 school year can earn up to four credits toward state high school graduation.

Students certified to participate at this level may not be dismissed from any part of the school day.

In all cases, it is the responsibility of the superintendent or his/her designee to certify both the level of participation and the quality of the program. Additionally, the district is responsible for monitoring and recording the attendance of the students involved.

Written board policies must be adopted authorizing the private or commercially sponsored physical activity programs to substitute for physical education.

**FORT BEND I.S.D. OFF CAMPUS PHYSICAL EDUCATION
STUDENT APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM APPROVAL**

Last Name _____ First Name _____ ID _____

Grade _____ School Year _____ Fall / Spring / Both (Circle One)

Sport _____ Category I or II (Circle One)

Commercial Establishment _____ Coach _____

Coach's Phone Number _____ Coach's Email _____

Brief Description of Physical Activity Program (Approximate number of days and hours the student will participate, and a description of the student workout and competition schedule):

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Coach Signature _____ Date _____

Coordinator of Health & PE (New Establishments Only) Approval Date _____

Signature of Registrar/Counselor (Previously Approved Establishments Only) Approval Date _____

**FORT BEND I.S.D. OFF-CAMPUS PHYSICAL EDUCATION
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM**

This will serve as my request that the Fort Bend I.S.D. grant physical education credit for the Fall / Spring / Both (Circle One) semester(s) of the 20____ - 20____ school year to my child.

Student Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

ID Number _____ Grade in School _____ Campus _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Commercial Establishment Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Sport _____ Category I or II (Circle One)

My child's instructor will be _____ and he/she is aware of this request. I understand that my high school child may receive a total of two credits toward state high school graduation if he/she entered the 9th grade prior to the 2010-2011 school year or a total of four credits toward state high school graduation if he/she entered the 9th grade in the 2010-2011 school year on the basis of one-half credit per semester, and this will satisfy the Texas Education Agency requirement for physical education instruction, or they may be used for local elective credit. Middle school PE requirements may also be met through participation in approved off-campus programs. Students will be assigned a numerical grade by the coach representing the commercial establishment identified above. I have been informed that if for any reason my child does not complete the entire semester, he/she will not receive any partial credit. I acknowledge that the Fort Bend ISD will not provide transportation to or from the commercial establishment, and does not endorse any commercial training program. Furthermore, the approval of this application does not constitute any assurance as to the qualifications of the instructors or the quality and safety of the equipment and facilities.

The undersigned, being the parent or legally appointed and qualified guardian of _____, a student in the Fort Bend Independent School District, does hereby consent to said student participation in this commercial training program. I further agree to hold Fort Bend Independent School District, its Board of Trustees, and/or faculty, harmless from all liability for any injuries that said student may receive while participating in this program, or while traveling to and from such program. I also understand that if my child is excused from the first period of the day, arrival on campus should not be more than 10 minutes prior to the second period bell. Likewise, if my child is excused from the last period of the day, departure time should be no later than 10 minutes after the beginning of the last period class.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Olympic Sanction Sports/Off Campus Physical Education
Approved Establishments

Champion Gymnastics Academy	Category I
Cramer Quarter Horses	Category I
Carroll Stables	Category I & II
Cypress Academy of Gymnastics	Category I
Devereaux Sport Horses	Category I
D-Talk Ranch (Equestrian)	Category I & II
Ft. Bend Ranger Lacrosse	Category II
*First Colony Swim Team (Middle School Only)	Category I & II
First Colony Synchrostars	Category I & II
Fortbend Fencing Academy	Category I & II
Gymtex	Category II
Horse and Hound Equestrian	Category II
Houston Gymnastics Academy	Category I & II
*Houston Swim Club (Middle School Only)	Category I
Iron Cross Gymnastics	Category I
Jewish Community Center Gymnastics	Category I
Kick Start	Category II
Olympic Tae Kwon Do	Category II
Salle Mauro Fencing Academy	Category II
*Southwestern Aquatics Team (SWAT) (Middle School Only)	Category I
Safety America Karate	Category II
*Sienna Plantation Aquatics (Middle School Only)	Category I & II
Sienna Stables	Category I
Southern Breeze Equestrian Center	Category I & II
Star Gymnastics	Category I
Sugar Land Gymnastics	Category I
Sugar Land Tae Kwan Do	Category II
Sunrise Equestrian Center	Category I
Traditional Karate	Category II
UMA Tae Kwondo-Hopkido Inc.	Category I & II

*Indicates available for Middle School Students in Category I only. High School Students are expected to participate in the High School Athletic Class in these activities.

**FORT BEND I.S.D. OFF CAMPUS PHYSICAL EDUCATION
GUIDELINES FOR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT**

- 1) Student applications must be completed and returned to the Registrar’s Office at the home school **on or before August 1 for the Fall Semester and December 1 for the Spring Semester.**
- 2) Students must be enrolled for the entire semester (as described on both the student and establishment applications).
- 3) Students must be in attendance for at least the minimum required hours per week; for their approved category, for the entire semester.
- 4) Students who drop out prior to the end of the semester, will receive a grade of “fail”, and the Credit Verification form will be returned to the home school immediately.
- 5) Credit Verification forms are due to the school’s Registrar at the end of each Nine Weeks period.
- 6) The Fort Bend Independent School District reserves the right to issue a grade based on available information.
- 7) Student attendance records should be maintained at all times and available for inspection by a representative of Fort Bend Independent School District.
- 8) The conditions as outlined in the student’s application shall be adhered to by the commercial establishment.
- 9) The student is required to attend school under the compulsory attendance laws. Students who fail to attend school on ten or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year or on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period may be prosecuted for nonattendance. Attendance at state and national level competitions may be an exception to this rule.

Name of Commercial Establishment

Representative’s Signature

Date

**FORT BEND I.S.D. OFF CAMPUS PHYSICAL EDUCATION
COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATION**

Commercial Establishment _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
Representative _____ Title _____
Activity _____

I have read the Texas Education Agency Guidelines for Category I and Category II programs. This application is for a Category I _____ Category II _____ Program.

How many years have you been directing this type of program? _____

On which days and at what times do you offer instruction?

Monday _____ AM/PM to _____ AM/PM
Tuesday _____ AM/PM to _____ AM/PM
Wednesday _____ AM/PM to _____ AM/PM
Thursday _____ AM/PM to _____ AM/PM
Friday _____ AM/PM to _____ AM/PM
Saturday _____ AM/PM to _____ AM/PM
Sunday _____ AM/PM to _____ AM/PM

Fall Semester Dates from _____ / _____ / _____ to _____ / _____ / _____

Spring Semester Dates from _____ / _____ / _____ to _____ / _____ / _____

Instructor's Name _____ Qualifications _____

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I understand that it is the responsibility of this commercial establishment to maintain programs as described above and provide the Fort Bend Independent School District with necessary information according to the described deadline.

Representative's Signature

Date