



**Orange County Public Schools**  
**Notification and Instructions for Physical Education Waiver**  
**Marching Band**  
(10/22/2025)

**Marching Band:**

This waiver can only be used by performing students who have completed two years of marching band. This waiver shall satisfy the one credit Physical Education/HOPE or one art credit, not both.

For the purposes of this waiver, participation in marching band is defined as either performing a musical instrument or participating in the colorguard for the full marching season. Marching seasons vary by high school and will be determined by the high school band director. The season may include additional performances outside of football games, such as parades and other performances during the school year.

**Year Completion:**

A full year completion is defined as attendance and participation in both the rehearsals and performances for the marching band season. The high school Band Director must verify that the student has met these guidelines. The waiver must be signed by the Band Director.

**Steps Student Needs to take in completing the Waiver process:**

1. Secure forms from the school counseling department.
2. Read instructions carefully to see if they qualify.
3. Complete Section I and II.
4. Have the High School Band Director complete Section III after the first two sections are completed in full.
5. Return the completed waiver form to your school counselor to be reviewed for accuracy and to input waiver codes into the student information system.

**Attention Parents and Students:**

Parents and students may elect to enroll in a HOPE Course at any time regardless of this waiver option.

Topics covered in the HOPE course:

- Communication/Relationships
- Community and Environmental Health
- Family Life
- Injury Prevention and Safety
- Internet Safety
- Nutrition
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Personal Physical Health
- Prevention and control of Diseases
- Substance Abuse

# **Marching Band Physical Education High School Waiver Request Form**

## **(10/22/2025)**

Directions: Read all notifications carefully. Complete the form after both marching seasons have been successfully completed.

### **Section I**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor at time of submission of form: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Marching Band Seasons Completed:**

1st Year -Date of completed season: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Year -Date of completed season: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent/Student Statement of Understanding**

### **Section II**

- I understand that because I have participated for two years in marching band that I will not be required to take the one credit of PE/HOPE or the one art credit, not both.
- I understand that participation in marching band does not prevent me from taking physical education, and that I may elect to take HOPE and any approved Physical Education Elective for credit that will be applied to my GPA.
- I understand that I will not receive a grade or credit for the marching band seasons I participate in. I will simply be granted a waiver for the PE/HOPE graduation requirement. I understand the waiver of the physical education course does not affect the number of credits required for graduation and I must still meet the minimum number of credits for graduation.
- As a parent/legal guardian of the above named student, I understand and permit the school to waive the required one credit of Physical Education/HOPE by participating in our high school marching band for 2 years.

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### **Director/Administrator Verification**

### **Section III**

- I confirm that the student named above has participated in marching band for two full years (as defined on the previous page) at the high school listed in Section I, and I verify that the dates of completion are accurate.

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School Counseling Office Use Only:

Waiver # 1500441 MCHG BAND WAIVER YR1 - Marching Band Physical Education or Performing Arts Waiver - Completion of Year 1

Waiver # 1500442 MCHG BAND WAIVER YR2 - Marching Band Physical Education or Performing Arts Waiver - Completion of Year 2

Date entered: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Initial by: \_\_\_\_\_ \* PE Exemption added to student academic history file for no credit.