

Physical Education (PE) Options for Career and Technical Education (CTE)

As a result of State Board of Education (SBOE) changes to the high school graduation programs to align with legislation passed by the 81st Texas Legislature, two-or three credit work-based career and technical education (CTE) courses may no longer satisfy the high school physical education (PE) requirement.

TCTC gave testimony requesting the SBOE's consideration of a "technical fix" for the 2010-2011 seniors who had planned to take two-or-three credit work-based CTE courses that would also satisfy the PE graduation requirement. Unable to grant a waiver, the TEA sent out this notice that these students may need to be provided with additional options for satisfying the PE credits requirement. Per **Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §74.3**, school districts may offer various arrangements and settings for students to complete the requirements of a course. You may review the exact language of the administrative rule at this site: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter074/ch074a.html>

The following options are available to assist these students in meeting the PE graduation credit requirement:

1. Online PE courses: Texas Virtual School Network (TXvSN) – Grades 9-12 on-line PE courses (summer school opportunities are currently available). Contact TXvSN at: www.txvsn.org; by email (txvsncentral@txvsn.org); or by phone at 1-866-93TXvSN (1-866-938-9876)
2. Credit by Examination: The University of Texas Continuing and Extended Education at <http://www.utexas.edu/cee/k12.shtml>; or Texas Tech University College of Outreach and Distance Education at www.ode.ttu.edu
3. Completing dual credit courses with colleges and universities
4. Taking correspondence courses or other distance learning opportunities at the discretion of the local district - Texas Tech University at <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/uc/k-12/>, https://www.depts.ttu.edu/uc/ec2k/Heading.asp?heading_id=270) or The University of Texas at <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/k16/cbe-ea/high-school-courses/>

Also:

School districts retain the authority to provide other options that meet the needs of their students. Award of credit is based on demonstrated proficiency in all the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for a PE course or successful completion of an approved PE substitution. For further information regarding PE, please contact Phyllis Simpson, Director of Health and Physical Education, at (512) 463-9581 or by mail at phyllis.simpson@tea.state.tx.us.