

## VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Clayton A. Bouton High School - Voorheesville Middle School

### **Clayton A Bouton High School Varsity Scholar Athlete Policy**

At the beginning of a student's junior year they may be eligible for exemption from Physical Education class if they meet the following criteria:

- Student must have tried out for and have been selected to participate in a varsity level sport or be participating in a varsity type athletic program, i.e., AAU, Starfish, a comprehensive dance program, etc. For non-interscholastic programs, students must submit documentation of participation in a program to the Director of Athletics for approval. The Physical Education department will review the program for approval and notify the student of their decision within ten days. The evaluation will be based on whether or not the program is in line with New York State learning standards for Physical Education and whether or not the program duration is in line with weekly Physical Education time requirements outlined by the State Education Department.
- Student must have passed each quarter of Physical Education class since entering freshmen year. As the Physical Education letter grading system and rubric is phased into the high school program, we would like to require that any student who has failed any quarter of Physical Education not be allowed to qualify for the exemption.
- The scholar athlete exemption is a privilege. At any time during the course of the school year, school administrators, as well as the Physical Education Department reserve the right to withdraw students from the program for not following procedures associated with the program. Any student not reporting back to Physical Education class following an athletic season may jeopardize participation in the future. It should be the responsibility of the student to attend to all tasks associated with participation in the program.

### **Procedure**

1. Students must apply for varsity athlete status by obtaining an application from the Associate Principal's office. Students must obtain the signature of their physical education teacher and return the application form to the Associate Principal's office.
2. A student must be selected as a team member by a varsity coach. Each coach, upon selecting a team, will submit a varsity athlete roster to the Athletic Director. Students shall not be eligible for this exemption during the period of tryouts.

3. The Athletic Director will submit varsity athlete rosters to the Associate Principal's office. Upon receipt of the varsity athlete rosters, the Associate Principal will assign students to an appropriate study hall.
4. Students must report to their assigned study hall and are expected to follow all rules and guidelines associated with study hall privileges.

Note: To earn the yearly Physical Education credit a student must pass all quarters in which they are non-exempt.

The length of the exemption shall be based on the duration of the season. The following table will be used to assign exemptions:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Exemption Duration</u>
All fall sports	first quarter
Basketball	second and third quarter
Wrestling	second and third quarter
Bowling	second quarter and third quarter
Volleyball	second quarter and third quarter
Cheerleading	second quarter and third quarter (providing team participates in playoffs)
Boy's Swimming	second and third quarter
All spring sports	fourth quarter