

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION THROUGH MARCHING BAND REQUEST FORM

(Read further instructions on the reverse side and complete this form only
after the **two years** of Marching Band have been successfully completed.)

Name: _____ Student Number: _____

School: _____ Date: _____

Date of Year 1 Completed: _____ Date of Year 2 Completed: _____

Student Statement of Understanding:

I understand that because I have participated in two years in a district-sponsored high school Marching Band, I will not be required to take the state required 1 credit of Physical Education, Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE), which would otherwise be necessary for graduation.

I understand that participation in Marching Band does not prevent me from taking physical education, and that I may elect to take any physical education course, as a credit course.

I understand that I will not receive a grade or course credit for the Marching Band years in which I participated. I will simply be granted an exemption from taking HOPE. I have also read and understand all related items on the reverse side of this form.

Parent Permission:

As parent/guardian, I understand that the above-named student will not receive Comprehensive Health Education. Health Education provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to be healthy throughout their lifetime. The intent of a comprehensive health education program is to motivate students to maintain and improve their health, prevent disease, and avoid or reduce health-related risk behaviors. I understand that by not taking this course, students may not receive instruction in the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community health• Consumer health• Environmental health• Family life• Injury prevention and safety• Internet safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mental and Emotional health• Nutrition• Personal health• Prevention and control of disease• Substance use and abuse• Teen dating violence
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I understand and allow the student to substitute his/her participation in Marching Band in lieu of the normally required credit in Physical Education (HOPE). I have also read and understand all related items on the reverse side of this form and am aware that no grade or course credit will be awarded for this substitute.

(Parent/Guardian Name – Please Print)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Marching Band Director/Administrator Verification of Participation

The above-named student completed two years of Marching Band:

School Year of: _____ Marching Band Director signature _____

School Year of: _____ Marching Band Director signature _____

_____ Denied Reason: _____

(School Administrator Signature)

(Date)

Beginning with the 2025 – 2026 school year.
Before filling out this request, please read the following for additional information to determine whether you qualify for this request.

Full Year: A full year is defined as attendance and participation in both the practices and competitive events from the first day of practice through the end of the marching band season. Ninety-five percent attendance at both practices and events will be required to meet this requirement. The Marching Band Director must verify that the student has met these guidelines. There will be no exceptions to these guidelines, as this is a substitute for state required courses for graduation. Non-participation or non-attendance, for any reason (vacations, injuries, illness, etc.) will be calculated in meeting the requirements, as set above.

Graduation Requirements: The granting of this request does not affect the number of credits required for graduation. The student must replace these courses with electives to meet the 24 credits required for high school graduation. If approved, the student will have an entry on their record showing: (Waiver - State Course #TBD). This entry will indicate that no course credit has been earned for this participation. Consequently, no grade or credit affecting grade point average will be given for this participation.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMPLETING THE REQUEST PROCESS:

1. Secure forms from the School Counselor
2. Read instructions and guidelines carefully to determine whether you qualify.
3. Complete sections I and II.
4. Have parent/guardian complete and sign section III.
5. Have Marching Band Director and School Administrator complete Section IV.
6. Request is granted OR request is denied and returned to student with an explanation.
7. Appeal – If the request is denied, you may appeal as per the Student Code of Conduct.