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*Superintendent of Schools*

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education  
From: Dr. Sharon Williams  
Cabinet Champion: Scott Vance, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning  
Date: July 22, 2025  
Re: Additional Physical Education Exemption Approval

Section 105 ILCS 5/27-6 of the Illinois School Code allows for students in grades 9-12 to be exempt from the mandated yearly physical education requirement under certain circumstances. The most common of those circumstances are: participation in an interscholastic athletic program, participation in a marching band program for credit, and enrollment in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program sponsored by the district. The Rock Island-Milan School District currently has a board approved process/form for scholars wanting to opt out of Physical Education for any of the aforementioned reasons.

Additional approved reasons for a Physical Education opt out for scholars includes:

- *Enrollment in academic classes required for admission to an institution of higher learning, provided that failure to take such classes would result in the pupil being denied admission to the institution of their choice;*
- *Enrollment in academic classes required for graduation, provided that failure to take such classes would result in the student being unable to graduate.*

RIMSD #41 does not currently have a process/form for these exemptions. Therefore it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Physical Education Exemption for Coursework.

**Investment Period: August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2026**  
**Total Investment: N/A**  
**Funding Source: N/A**