

Peoria Academy Academic Waiver
Fall 2010

All our children need exercise. As you may have heard me say before, this generation of children is expected to live into the next century, and taking care of their bodies through proper nutrition and exercise is of prime importance.

We provide both PE and athletic programs here at the school. Our athletic teams are wonderfully successful given the size of the school, and being part of a team is a great rite of passage for all students. We welcome all students as participants.

However, we have students for whom participating in a team sport is a low priority, and students who are heavily engaged in outside sports and are receiving the sort of exercise that we believe is vital for growth. For the former group, the PE option, either as a graded class or in an ungraded Enrichment class is the perfect alternative; for the latter, we are offering a sports waiver in recognition of their outside commitments.

There are several steps involved in the Waiver process, and your child's application will not be considered by our Waiver Committee unless all steps are completed. Not every application will be accepted- our expectation is that your child's involvement in his/her sport is at a high level both in terms of time and performance. We will most likely be in touch with child and family for clarification.

Sincerely,

Brendan Sheerin

The Waiver process involves three steps:

1. A one or two paragraph professionally typed letter from the student explaining the reason for the proposed waiver
2. A letter from the coach on the organization's letterhead paper explaining the number of hours and days each week the child is involved in the activity and any competitive involvement.
3. A one or two paragraph letter from a parent explaining how this Waiver helps the child's academic and athletic lives.

Applications will be considered daily during the first two weeks of school only.