



## Guidance for Opt-In/Opt-Out Waivers

<b>Physical Education Course Replacement</b>	<p><b>Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Season of a GHSA sport*</li> <li>• 1 Season of a Non-GHSA sport</li> <li>• 1 Season of Marching Band</li> <li>• .5 credit of Dance, Cirque or Physical Education electives</li> </ul> <p>Non-GHSA sports must have a clear start and end date, defined practice schedule, involve physical activity, and include a record of participation. Program sponsors must provide documentation ensuring that a student has completed the above requirements in good standing.</p> <p>*Excludes One-Act Play, Literary Competitions and Esports</p> <p><b>Intended Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides additional opportunities for students to participate in academic courses</li> <li>• Incentivize students to participate in extracurricular activities</li> </ul>
<b>Elementary Special Areas Class Size Waiver</b>	<p>FCS Elementary schools can waive class sizes for special area courses that lead to the allocation of itinerant teachers in physical education, art, and music. By exercising this waiver, elementary schools agree to utilize the cash earned from these itinerant allocations to provide a five-day special areas framework for all students that includes a fifth special in a content area specific to their school’s strategic plan (STEM, Math, Literacy, etc.). The cash out resulting from this waiver should be used to supplement personnel costs needed for the fifth special area course.</p> <p><b>Intended Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students receive an additional specials option and exposure to additional content</li> <li>• Schedule adjustments to allow for common planning for teachers</li> </ul>

### Steps to Implement an Opt-In Waiver

1. SGC selects a waiver from the Opt-In Menu listed above.
2. SGC initiates a 30-day public comment period to allow stakeholder feedback (requires majority vote).
3. Following the closure of the public comment window, the SGC hosts a meeting to review feedback.
4. After reviewing feedback, an SGC may vote to Opt-In to the provided waiver (requires 6 affirmative votes).
5. Following a successful vote, a designated SGC member must complete the “Notification of Adoption” Form.