



# CHARLES S. RUSHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In June 2008, the Florida State Legislature passed a bill that included changes to the physical education requirement for Florida middle school students.

Beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, students in grades 6-8 are required to have the equivalent of one semester of physical education each year.

Pasco County middle schools will implement the requirement as follows:

6<sup>th</sup> grade – one semester of PE paired with a semester of an elective course

7<sup>th</sup> grade – one semester of PE paired with a semester of an elective course

8<sup>th</sup> grade - one semester of PE paired with a semester of an elective course

The legislation allows for parents to waive the middle school physical education requirement if the student meets one of the following criteria:

1. The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course (parent waiver not required).
2. The parent requests that the student enroll in another elective course offered by the school if available at that grade level.
3. The student is participating in physical education activities outside the school day, which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child meets the above circled criteria and requests courses other than physical education.

Please contact your school administration if you have any questions or concerns regarding the physical education requirements or waiver criteria.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



*Charles S. Rushe Middle School will provide a positive, safe environment that promotes literacy throughout the curriculum to prepare students to be productive life long learners in a global community.*