

## PE Waiver proposal

The high school administration would like to see the PE Waiver policy changed to be “semester-ize.” Under the current PE waiver policy, students can end up with a quarter of PE. This causes issues with the master schedule since we have no quarter classes. This used to not be an issue when we had study halls each period, but with the advent of the 6 period day to save money, there are not many study halls to place students.

- Skyward is not designed to “schedule” quarter classes. Because of this, there is a lot of hand scheduling to manipulate quarter classes into the same period and add the semester classes that did not get scheduled. In some cases, the quarter conflict with the waivers cause as many as 3 core classes to be unscheduled.
- There is no final “bucket” for 1st and 3rd quarter class. The grade for the quarter class must be calculated by hand to weigh a quarter class 40/10. There is more chance for error in GPA and class rank.
- Students with a quarter waiver in each semester are not able to add another semester class.
- By only offering a quarter waiver for students in Marching Band (55/88), they are not able to add a semester class in place of PE. Instead, they return to PE 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.
- The majority of waivers are awarded 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. It is difficult to keep balanced numbers and sections in PE. It adds 88 students to second quarter scheduling – 2 new sections for one quarter. Forcing PE by quarters is creating an unbalance in class section numbers for semester core classes (English, Math, Science). Sometimes it will also force students into larger core classes.
- Each quarter of PE is recognized as a “class”. Consequently, since PE is a graduation requirement, Skyward often schedules PE ahead of English, Math, or Science class. As a result, PE could be scheduled in two separate class periods. Therefore, PE classes are rescheduled into the same class period and the semester class is added to the student schedule.
- There are no quarter classes to fill in for the waiver. Students who do not want a study hall are often “forced” in to one to match up with the waiver.

### Options:

1. Totally get rid of the PE waivers.
2. Students have semester PE waivers.
3. Leave as is with continued master schedule issues and evaluate after 2 years as originally planned.