

GPA Waiver (Pass Option)

Friendswood ISD high school students may pursue a GPA Waiver (Pass Option) for qualifying elective courses. This option allows students who receive an “A” (90-100) average in a qualifying elective class to request that it be converted to credit with no grade points.

Classes that qualify for the GPA Waiver (Pass Option) require a heavy commitment outside the school day and adhere to University Interscholastic League “No Pass, No Play” guidelines. GPA Waiver (Pass Option) grades are not included in a student’s grade point average.

Guidelines:

- A student may opt out of a qualifying elective, if the student earns an “A” (90-100) average in the class for the year, and has earned the state credit for the qualifying elective.
- Two GPA Waivers (Pass Option) are allowed per school year.
- Students must submit the GPA Waiver form with teacher, student, parent and counselor signatures to the Counseling Center Office no later than **October 1st** to apply.
- Students who choose the GPA Waiver (Pass Option) will not receive grade points for the class.
- Students using the GPA waiver **MUST** have successfully completed **BOTH** the state Fine Arts and PE credits.

Through the GPA Waiver (Pass Option), Friendswood ISD hopes to boost participation in athletics and fine arts, creating well-rounded students at all achievement levels.

Qualifying Electives:

- Athletics
- Band
- Cheer
- Choir (excludes AP Music Theory)
- Color Guard/Winter Guard
- Drill Team/Dance
- Theatre Arts/Technical Theatre

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a new grading procedure and policy which was approved by the FISSD School Board in December of 2015. This policy will pertain to the 2015-16 freshman class and all classes that follow. Please read the information very carefully and elect your grading option. This form must be signed by your teacher, you, your parents/guardian and submitted to the Counseling Center before **October 1st of the school year the course is being taken.**

PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY NEW POLICY: If the student has already obtained his/her Fine Arts and Physical Education credit prior to participating in this course, and if the student has completed all the requirements for the course and makes a cumulative yearly average of an "A (90-100)" in the course, the student may select the number grade (90-100) OR Pass/Fail for the course. Once the choice has been made and the number grade or Pass/Fail** is entered, the student may not change this option per TEA guidelines.**

****The Pass/Fail option is not included in a student's class rank.
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If you have any questions, see the elective teacher of your class and/or your school counselor. The attached form is due on or before **October 1st of school year. Even though this agreement is being signed by the first day of October, if the grade requirement (90-100)/course requirements are not met, this agreement is void.**

In order to receive the **pass/fail** option, the student must complete all the requirements for the course and have earned an "A (90-100)" for the course. The signatures on this form indicates the student is selecting the **pass/fail** option.

Pass/Fail option is being used for: _____

Course Name/School Year

Fine Arts Credit _____

PE Credit _____

***We understand this grading option cannot be changed once it is selected.**

Printed Student Name

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Student Signature *Date*

Counselor Signature *Date*

Parent/Guardian Signature *Date*

Teacher Signature *Date*