

## **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.

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.

### **Guidelines:**

- A student may opt out of a qualifying elective, if the student earns a cumulative average of an “A” (90-100) 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** of the school year the course is being taken 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.

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.

### **Qualifying Electives:**

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

**Friendswood High School  
GPA Waiver Form**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a new grading procedure and policy which was approved by the FISD School Board in December of 2015. 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.**

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\*\*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 the school year the course is being taken.** **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.**

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Printed Student Name

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Printed Parent/Guardian Name

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*Student Signature*

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*Counselor Signature*

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*Date*

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

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*Teacher Signature*

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*Date*