

General Guidelines

- While enrolled in OCPE, a student may not be enrolled in EMS ISD athletics.
- Only those in grades 7-12 will be eligible for consideration into the program.
- The student must participate in OCPE program for the school year and will receive a pass/fail grade.
- Applications are due by Friday, two weeks before school starts. Any application received after the deadline will be denied.
- Students must complete an application every year they wish to participate in OCPE.
- In case of illness or injury (supported by documentation from a medical professional), the instructor must provide alternative assignments or make-up requirements for credit.
- A student may not transfer from a PE/athletic class into OCPE after the application deadline; however, the student may withdraw from the OCPE program into on-campus PE/athletic program. Varsity eligibility is subject to UIL rules and head coach approval.
- OCPE website: <https://www.emsisd.com/Page/493>

Category I vs. Category II

- **Category I** students will practice 15+ hours a week (NOT including competitions) with a highly intensive, professional instructor. These students compete at Olympic/Junior Olympic levels, nationals, or collegiate-like levels. These students can be dismissed for one period per day for OCPE. Items needed to be considered for this application:
 - ✓ A recent copy of the student's entry form for Olympic or National Level participation/competition.
 - ✓ A publication which verifies the student's Olympic or National Level status or rank.
 - ✓ A copy of the student's Olympic or National Level certification, which verifies their status or rank.
- **Category 2** students are also trained by highly qualified instructors, but they will have a minimum of 5+ hours a week (NOT including competitions) for the school year. Students in this category must remain on campus and choose an elective to replace PE. Items need to be considered for this application:
 - ✓ A copy of the student's enrollment or participation verification from the agency.

Responsibilities

Student and Parent Responsibilities

- Confer with the designated campus counselor about plans to enroll.
- Ensure the student meets qualifications as a Category I or Category II in their prospective activity.
- Ensure the student attends their activity regularly, which includes meeting 90% compulsory attendance state laws.
- Provide transportation to and from the sponsoring agency.
- Complete the OCPE Application including all needed signatures and return to the designated campus counselor.

Instructor Responsibilities

- Sign the OCPE Application.
- Maintain records of the student's attendance to ensure compliance with the 90% compulsory attendance laws. Notify the counselor or district coordinator if the student is not meeting this requirement.
- Complete grading sheet and return to the campus counselor and district coordinator.
- Notify the campus counselor if the student has withdrawn from the program.

Counselor Responsibilities

- Direct parents and students interested in OCPE to the information site.
- Understand the differences between Category I and Category II.
- Explain the student/parent responsibilities to the interested parties.
- Collect the OCPE application with completed signatures and appropriate acknowledgments. Send this application to the district coordinator.
- Schedule the student appropriately for Category I or Category II in Skyward.
- Ensure grades are properly recorded in Skyward.

District Coordinator/Athletic Department

- Maintain up-to-date information on the website.
- Approve/deny OCPE applications and keep files on each student.
- Communicate to the agency regarding application status, campus counselor contact, grading periods and submission of grades.
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Revoking OCPE

A student's physical education OCPE may be revoked at the discretion of the school district if it is determined that the student's participation in the program:

- No longer meets the criteria specified for the category chosen
- The student's attendance becomes irregular
- The student is not passing all classes
- The student has been subject to disciplinary action at their school campus
- The student has a pattern of late arrivals or early departures