



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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1960 LANDINGS BOULEVARD

SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34231-3331

September 15, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The 1998 Florida Legislature specified that students may satisfy the one credit requirement in physical education for graduation by participating in a junior varsity or varsity interscholastic sport if they meet the following criteria:

1. Participated for two full seasons in an approved interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level.
2. Earn a "C" or better on The Hope Test.

Students who meet the above criteria prior to October 28, 2011, and wish to participate in the program must sign up to take the test by meeting with their school counselors immediately. This test will be administered to all eligible students on **Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in Room 101 in the Blue Awning Building at the School Board Offices, 1960 Landings Blvd. Eligible students must bring their photo identification and the pink copy of the Physical Education Through Sports Request Form with appropriate signatures.**


Students will only have one attempt to take and pass the test. If a student does not pass the test, he or she must complete the appropriate physical education course(s) required for graduation. Students interested in satisfying the physical education requirements through this process are encouraged to take the test as soon as they have completed two seasons of junior or varsity interscholastic sports. **There must be time to complete the graduation requirements if they do not pass the test.**

A score of 70% correct or higher is required to earn a "C" and pass the Hope Test. There will be a study guide available for students. Students are strongly encouraged to review study materials before attempting the test. The test will be multiple choice and short answer.

Remember, this test is voluntary. Students may choose to take the appropriate physical education courses for graduation.

Any student interested in taking the Hope Test on October 29, 2011, must complete the attached form and return it to his or her school counselor by October 22, 2011.

Sincerely,


Dr. Denise Cantalupo, Director,
Research, Assessment, Evaluation and School Improvement