



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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 State Superintendent
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 State Board
 of Education

MEMORANDUM

Governor
 Robert Bentley
 President

TO: County and City Superintendents

Randy McKinney, J.D.
 District I

FROM: Thomas R. Bice *TRB*
 State Superintendent of Education

Betty Peters
 District II

RE: Application for Waiver of JROTC for Physical Education Requirement

Stephanie Bell
 District III
 Vice President

Validation of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) curriculum and plan for implementation was approved in 2006 as a substitute for the physical education credit as defined in the *Alabama Administrative Code* 29-3-1-.02(8)(s)(f)1. Because Alabama's substitute policy requires that the same content standards be replicated for both the original and substitute course, the process requires that a plan be submitted reflecting collaboration with the physical education teacher, including utilization of the physical education approved physical fitness validation form and a roster of students participating. A waiver request letter from the system superintendent must accompany this documentation and be submitted to the State Superintendent of Education for approval every two years.

Yvette M.
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 President Pro Tem

Since the JROTC content standards incorporate physical education activities, these content standards will now stand alone in determining the credit and the substitute flexibility will be given to each local education agency to offer a physical education credit in the JROTC program as an alternative to taking the physical education course. JROTC programs will no longer be required to submit an application for the waiver to award a physical education credit. The new waiver elimination for JROTC will become effective August 1, 2012.

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 Secretary and
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