Substitution of JROTC for PE and Health

Completion of JROTC I can be substituted for the graduation requirement for ½ Carnegie unit of physical education. Completion of JROTC I and JROTC II can substitute for the graduation requirement for ¼ Carnegie unit of health education. (Both the PE and health education graduation requirements can be met by completing JROTC I and II.)

The authorizing references for JROTC substitution for PE and Health are:

1. **State Board Policy 4012**
   
   Physical Education/Comprehensive Health Education Rules and Regulations

   11. Waivers/Exemptions

   - In grades 7-12 extracurricular activities sanctioned by the MHSAA and JROTC can be substituted for physical education if:
     - attendance is kept; and
     - instruction is based on at least one competency from the Mississippi Physical Education Framework; and
     - Staff licensed by Mississippi Department of Education supervises practices and games.
   - In grades 9-12 successful completion of the first two JROTC courses can substitute for the required ½ Carnegie unit in health education if:
     - instruction includes all of the health components included in the JROTC I and JROTC II curriculums; and,
     - the JROTC teachers are licensed by the Mississippi Department of Education with the 499 endorsement code.

2. **Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards 2012**

   Appendix A-2: Graduation Requirements Standard 20 - Seniors of School Year 2011-2012

   Footnote 8: Successful completion of JROTC I and JROTC II may be accepted in lieu of Comprehensive Health or Family and Individual Health to meet the graduation requirement for ½ Carnegie unit in Health beginning in the 2010-2011 school year and thereafter.

   Footnote 9: The graduation requirement for ½ unit in physical education may include participation in interscholastic athletic activities, band, dance and JROTC that meet the instructional requirements specified in the Fitness through Physical Education Framework and that are sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Association.