

ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education considers participation by students in extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, to be an integral part of the overall educational experience which supplements the primary goal of academic achievement. Therefore, the Board establishes the following academic attendance and behavior eligibility requirements for student participation in athletics and extracurricular activities to assure that a balance exists between academic standards, student attendance, student conduct and athletic/extracurricular activity participation. This policy and related procedures will be administered by the building principal or his/her designee as well as the Athletic Director with respect to athletics.

Academic

1. Any student that has participated in any athletic or extra-curricular activity during the school year, failing more than two (2) subjects during any marking period throughout the school year, will be required to be monitored on a daily tracking sheet for supervision by the coach, athletic director and/or activity advisor.
 - If, after two (2) weeks the student has shown significant improvement based upon teacher progress reports, he/she will remain subject to the provisions of the Competition Contract and will be monitored every two (2) weeks for the remainder of the season. In addition, he/she will be required to go to academic support for the remainder of the season.
 - If after two (2) weeks, the student is still failing two (2) or more subjects, he/she will be subject to a Non-Competition Contract for a two (2) week period, during which time he/she will be permitted to practice but will not be permitted to play, compete or perform.
 - If, after two (2) weeks on a Non-Competition Contract, the student is still failing two (2) or more subjects, the student will be ineligible to practice, play, perform, compete or otherwise participate in extra-curricular activities until the next report card is issued and the required improvement is indicated.
2. Any student failing one (1) subject or in jeopardy of failing two (2) or more subjects (defined as having grades below 70 in two or more courses) will be required to participate in the academic support program for the remainder of the season. The student will be monitored every two (2) weeks by the coach, athletic director, building principal and/or activity advisor, as applicable.

A student once identified as having academic difficulty will be monitored continually by the coach, athletic director, building principal and/or activity advisor, as appropriate, throughout the school year until his/her report card shows passing grades.

3. Any student failing more than two (2) subjects at the end of the school year will be ineligible to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities in the fall. Students may attend summer school in order to pass failed subjects and become eligible upon

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submission of proof of successful completion of such subjects. The student's final average at the end of the school year will be used to determine fall eligibility.

4. The student's parent/guardian will be contacted by the Athletic Director or coach, the activity advisor or building principal, as the circumstance requires, to advise them of the student's status as requiring academic support, being on a Competition Contract or a Non-Competition Contract, or being ineligible to participate. All verbal, electronic and written contacts with the parent(s)/guardian will be documented by the District.

Attendance

1. A student must attend school regularly and on time, and be in attendance for all classes scheduled in order to maintain the privilege of participation in athletics and other extra-curricular activities. The coach, athletic director, building principal and/or activity advisor, as applicable, will monitor student attendance on a daily basis.
2. Students are expected to maintain a minimum of 93% attendance, exclusive of excused absences, in all classes, which is defined as three (3) or fewer unexcused absences to class within a marking period.
3. Students that exceed three (3) unexcused absences in a class during a quarter will be ineligible for the next game, performance, or contest. For each subsequent unexcused absence in a quarter, a student will not be permitted to participate in a game, performance or competition.
4. Students who have excessive tardies and/or early departures will be addressed by the building principal or other administrator, who will regularly monitor the students. A student's continued tardiness and/or early departures may result in the student being suspended from participation in athletics and other activities.

Any elementary school student with excessive unexcused absences will be required to have the approval of the building principal to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Coaches and advisors shall be responsible for monitoring student attendance of the students participating in the particular activity(ies) and ensure compliance with this policy. The Building Administration and Athletic Director shall monitor the coaches and advisors to ensure that this policy is being followed.

Behavior

1. A student may be suspended from participating in extracurricular or cocurricular activities, including athletics, for an infraction of any provision of the District Code of Conduct, for violating a code of conduct issued to participants in the activity by the activity supervisor or coach, or for fighting at games/activities.

2. Any student placed on In-School Suspension (ISS) is ineligible to practice and/or play in a game or participate in extracurricular activities while in ISS.
3. Any student who is given an Out-of-School Suspension may not practice and/or play in games for the duration of the suspension. If an athlete is suspended from school, he/she must sit out at least one game. The one game suspension may be served during the student's Out-of-School Suspension if the team has a scheduled contest during that time period. If the team does not play during the student's suspension, he/she must sit out the next scheduled contest.
4. If a student has received two (2) Out-of-School Suspensions in a semester prior to or during a sports season, the student will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the Season or to participate in other extracurricular and cocurricular activities during the remainder of the semester.

Appeal

Any student who feels that his/her circumstances are extraordinary may submit an appeal, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools or designee, within five (5) school days of notification of ineligible status. During the appeal process, the student may not practice or play and/or participate in extracurricular activities.

A copy of this policy will be distributed to all student athletes, students participating in extracurricular activities and their parents/guardians, professional staff and coaches. It will also be posted on the District Website. This policy will be explained to student athletes prior to participation in the athletics program and to students participating in extracurricular activities prior to commencement of such participation.