

# POLICY

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Academic Eligibility

Students

## **SUBJECT: Academic Eligibility**

Purpose:

- To better meet the needs and be more appropriate for the modified, junior varsity, and the varsity athlete.
- To create consistency between the various sports and sport seasons.
- To create a climate where the academically struggling athlete is motivated by the coach to participate in after school help.
- To create a climate where the athlete continues to have a good role model and participates in an activity during a time that is most needed.
- To build capacity for student success

Policy amended for consideration:

**An athlete failing in 1 subject** either from the progress report or from the report card remains with the team practicing and participating in contests.

**An athlete failing in 2 or more subjects** An interscholastic athlete who is failing two or more courses will be required to meet with their teacher after school for a total of one marking period, or until the end of the sports season. In addition, those athletes failing will be required to show evidence on a weekly basis, that they are endeavoring to improve their work habits and study skills. This will be evidenced by receipt by their coach and Athletic Director of an evaluation form, in either paper or electronic format, which details the athlete's efforts during that week. Athletes who have failed two or more courses will only be allowed to participate in interscholastic competition during a given week after the coach has received a satisfactory evaluation form for the previous week for each course that was failed. A satisfactory report is one that indicates the athlete is passing the class or has acceptable behavior, is working to improve their grade, and stayed for help after school. If it's an unsatisfactory report, the athlete may practice, but not participate in games. This policy refers to all interscholastic athletes regardless of grade level.

**Modified Fall Season:** Use of final class grade of the previous year or summer school grades to determine academic eligibility to start the season.

**High School Fall Season:** Use of the final class grade of the previous year or summer school grades to determine academic eligibility to start the season.

**Modified Winter Season 1:** Use of the 5-week Progress Report to determine academic eligibility to start the season.

**Modified Winter Season 2:** Use of the 15-week Progress Report to determine academic eligibility to start the season.

**High School Winter Season:** Use of the Progress Report just before the start of the winter season (on or about October 20).

**Modified Spring Season:** Use of the 25-week Progress Report to determine academic eligibility to start the season.

**High School Spring Season:** Use of the Progress Report just before the start of the spring season (on or about February 20).

A Progress Report or a Report Card will place an athlete on probation as warranted within each season.

*Policy Modified, modifications adopted by the Board of Education 1-20-09.*