

Updates to 23-24 Student FHS Handbook

ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY: In order to monitor student-athlete academic progress a quarter grade report will be generated on a bi-weekly basis beginning on the second Friday of each academic quarter. The report will be shared with head coaches of each activity by 3:00 p.m. in order to assist coaches in mentoring students towards academic success.

A student who receives three or more “F’s” on a bi-weekly list shall become ineligible immediately for both practice and competition on the Monday following the creation of the academic progress report and will remain ineligible until he or she is passing all classes. at the time of the weekly checklist. A student will immediately regain their eligibility when passing all classes; however, it will be the responsibility of the ineligible student to regain their eligibility.

- ❖ If a student has **more than one** “F” for a semester, he or she shall be ineligible to participate in competitions for the following semester.
- ❖ **Note: 8th graders’ grades for eligibility DO NOT carry over to the high school for freshman year. All freshmen are eligible to participate at the beginning of the school year.**

***Conduct eligibility:** a student whose behavior has led to suspension from school is NOT allowed to participate in activities during the time of the suspension. Further, the student is NOT allowed to be on campus for the duration of the suspension. That means no practice sessions as well.

LUNCH TIME INFORMATION: Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are allowed the privilege of leaving campus for lunch.

- **Loitering is not permitted in ANY area NOT designated as a high school lunch-time student area.**
- Students may NOT sit in their cars and eat lunch and students may not loiter in the parking areas. If you are going to eat off-campus, then eat off-campus.
- For students wishing to go outside during lunch, your area is in front of the high school. You may not go to any area in front of the junior high, behind the school, east of the school or again “hang out” in the parking lot.

MONTANA DIGITAL ACADEMY COURSES: (MTDA)

Students must register for MTDA classes through the Frenchtown School District. Currently, there is a charge for MTDA classes. Please visit with a counselor for current fees and information on signing up for classes.

Per board policy (2168), if we offer the same class as digital academy, students **MUST** take the course from our educator, **UNLESS** the course is a credit recovery attempt. For example, since we offer US History, a student cannot opt out of our class and take it through the digital academy. He or she must take US History from us. An exception to this exists for our Bronc Fast Track students. They may take a Dual Enrollment course online or through the University of MT to meet Frenchtown requirements for graduation.

MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE: As you may know, Montana Youth Challenge Academy is a residential academic intervention program on the campus of the University of Montana Western for 16-18-year-old students who are at risk of high school dropout. The Academy offers military-style structure and discipline along with academic, professional, and life-coping skills students need to become productive citizens. Cadets will earn 3.5 credits including Math, English, Science, History, Physical Fitness/Health, Jobs for Graduates, and Service to Community (40+hours). Cadets also have classes for employability skills, anger management, healthy relationship, substance prevention, suicide prevention, conflict resolution, and extensive goals and future planning activities.

This fall, the MYCA Public School Liaison has been contacting districts on behalf of the cadets currently enrolled in the program enquiring about diploma options, which are twofold:

SB197: Collaborative effort between Montana Youth Challenge Academy and OPI allow resident districts to award MYCA Cadets a diploma based on the district's standards for proficiency, which may take into consideration the completion of MYCA (includes 3.5 credits and 40 hours of service to the community) and passing of the Hi-Set. The opportunity to receive a diploma from the student's resident district is at the discretion of the district trustees. Under SB197, students/cadets do not need to meet the state minimum credit requirements; it is focused on proficiency in conjunction with successful completion of MYCA. The Frenchtown School District's standards for proficiency are passing the Hi-Set and completion of MYCA.

HB556: Provides a path to a state-issued high school diploma for students who have no other option, but who can demonstrate competence through alternative means. The following criteria need to be met:

- Written notification from the student's most recent or current high school confirming that a traditional path to a diploma does not exist.
- The age of student is at least seventeen (17) years old at the time that they graduate from the residential phase of the Montana Youth Challenge Academy.
- The student achieves HiSET scores of approximately 20% above the minimum requirements of the tests.

- The student graduates from the residential phase of the Challenge Academy. Students must complete the program to be considered.

Transcripts for students graduating from MYC will be stamped to indicate the student graduated from MYC. Students graduating from MYC will not participate in graduation or other end of year senior activities. If a student does not pass the HiSet, they will be able to join FACE to work towards a state-standard diploma.

STUDENT SCHEDULES: Freshman must take 8 credit bearing classes per semester. Sophomores must take 7 credit bearing courses per semester. Juniors must take 6 credit bearing courses per semester and Seniors must take 5 credit bearing courses per semester. Work release and all aide positions are not figured into your required credit bearing classes. The final determination rests with the administration.

REMOVED STUDY HALL