

# POLICY

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Academic Eligibility

Students

## **SUBJECT: Academic Eligibility for Interscholastic Athletics**

**Interscholastic Athletics are designed to develop the physical, social, and emotional development of student athletes. Sports are to provide such experiences and are considered an integral part of the educational program. Interscholastic Athletics are a privilege, and a student athlete must maintain good academic standing to participate in sports.**

Purpose:

- To encourage positive, personal academic growth.
- To support academic achievement of all student athletes.
- To build capacity for student athlete success.
- To create a climate of support to overcome academic challenges where student athletes receive help by all faculty and staff.
- To create a climate where the student athlete continues to have good role models and participates in interscholastic athletics during a time that is most needed.
- To create consistency between the various sports and sport seasons.

**Failing a subject/s** notification: Student athletes, families and coaches will be notified about the failing subject/s at the start of the season. Student athletes will be notified about their failing subject/s then have one week from the start of the season until being placed on probation if failing 2 or more subjects.

**An athlete failing in 1 subject:** A student athlete failing one subject will be notified but will remain with the team practicing and participating in contests. Student athletes are encouraged to get academic support from faculty/staff and stay after school for extra help and/or attend sports study hall.

**An athlete failing in 2 or more subjects:** A student athlete who is failing two or more courses will be placed on probation. Student athletes failing two or more subjects will be placed on probation one week after the season starts until the next progress report or report card then grades will be re-evaluated. During the probationary period student athletes will be required to attend after school sports study hall or obtain a pass to meet with teachers.

In addition, those athletes failing two or more subjects 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 the Administrator or Athletic Director of an evaluation form, in either paper or electronic format, which details the athlete's efforts during that week for only the failing subjects. Student athletes who have failed two or more courses will only be allowed to participate in interscholastic competition during a given week after the Administrator or Athletic Director 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. Evaluation forms must be turned in every Monday or the beginning of the week if there is a holiday to determine a student athlete's eligibility for the week. If the evaluation form is an unsatisfactory report, the athlete may practice, but not participate in contests, attend contests or travel to contests for one week until a satisfactory form is completed and submitted by the start of the upcoming week.

This policy refers to all interscholastic athletes regardless of grade level.

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