## FAIRMONT HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OFFICE



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# FAIRMONT AREA SCHOOLS ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY School District Policy 510.1

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The MSHSL has developed minimum student eligibility rules that must be enforced for all participating schools. Fairmont High School has established School District Policy 510.1 which includes local rules in addition to the MSHSL rules. To be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, students must be in compliance with MSHSL and Fairmont Area Schools Policies.

### **ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY:**

The primary goal of Fairmont Area Schools is for every student to graduate. Therefore, any student judged not to be making satisfactory academic progress towards graduation will be identified at the end of each mid-quarter, quarter, and semester. Identified students will be subject to the following policy procedures.

#### ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY:

- A. During the grading periods students must receive passing credit in all classes to remain eligible for practices, competitions and performances. Student grades will be checked at the end of all mid-quarter, quarter and semester grading periods.
  - 1. A student who has a failing grade (F) in any course at the mid-quarter will be subject to the following procedures:
    - a. The student will be put on probation for one week and must attend a mandatory study table. Failure to attend the mandatory study table will result in the student being unable to participate in practice that day. The student will also be instantly ruled ineligible to participate in any competitions or performances until grade improvement has been verified by the teacher and Administration.
    - b. The student must receive a passing grade in all courses in that mid-quarter to regain eligibility status for activities and athletics. If after the one week of probation the student does not earn passing credit, the student will be ineligible for all activities and athletics until an Academic Verification Form has been signed by the teacher and approved by the Activities Administrator.
  - 2. Failing grades at the end of a quarter or a semester will be subject to the following procedures:
    - a. A student receiving one failing grade will automatically be ruled ineligible to participate in 10% of the season competitions or performances. The student will not have to attend a mandatory study table because the initial grading period is over. The student will remain eligible for practices, will not be eligible to dress in the team uniform for competitions or performances but will be expected to attend home competitions or performances as a member of the team and sit/stand in a designated area assigned by the coach. A student receiving one or more failing grades will not be allowed to travel or attend away competitions or performances with the team.

- b. A student receiving 2 failing grades will automatically be ruled ineligible to participate in 25% of the season competitions or performances. The student will remain eligible for practices, will be eligible to attend competitions or performances, as a member of the team, but not in uniform.
- c. A student receiving 3 or more failing grades will automatically be ineligible for 50% of the season, will be eligible for practices after meeting with an academic advisor to implement a plan for academic progress.
- d. A student who has a failing grade at the end of a quarter, the above eligibility restrictions will apply to the remainder of the current activities season (Minimum 1 event) and/or carry over to the subsequent season.
- e. A student who has a failing grade at the end of the second semester, the above eligibility restrictions will carry over to the following school year's fall season. In the event that a student successfully completes summer school with a passing grade, this eligibility restriction shall be waived, and eligibility reinstated.
- 3. If a student has <u>no more than</u> one failing grade at the end of a quarter or a semester, and after re-calculation, retains a GPA of 2.333 (C+ Average) or above for that current grading period, and receives approval from the Academic Panel or the Activities Administrator, the student would remain eligible.

If a student has <u>no more than</u> one failing grade at the end of a quarter or a semester, and after re-calculation, retains a GPA lower than 2.33, the Activities Administrator or the Academic Panel will review the student's: attendance records, daily work histories, disciplinary actions, teacher evaluations, etc. to determine eligibility.

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRESS MONITORING:**

- A. A student on academic probation must attend a mandatory study table for one full week. The probationary period will begin five school days after the mid-quarter.
  - A student must have an Academic Verification Form signed by the teacher and approved by the Activities Administrator before becoming eligible for any activities and athletics.
  - 2. A student may qualify to be removed from the study table before the mandatory week has been completed with an Academic Verification Form signed by the teacher and approved by the Activities Administrator.
  - 3. A student, who does not attend the mandatory study table, will become instantly ineligible for practices, competitions and performances until a signed Academic Verification Form has been approved by the Activities Administrator.
- B. If after the one week of probation and study table attendance, the student has not regained passing grades in all classes, the student will meet with the Academic Panel Advisors (Principal, Assistant Principal, Activities Administrator, and Counselor) to set academic goals and implement weekly progress reports.
- C. The student can regain eligibility at any time once an Academic Verification Form has been signed by the teacher and approved by the Activities Administrator or Principal.
- D. In extraordinary circumstances, a student may, upon approval of the Academic Panel, have the circumstances of ineligibility reviewed.