

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 361 ~ POLICY FOR ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Students will be certified eligible to represent Falls High School in Minnesota State High School League activities, all clubs and extra/co-curricular activities, in grades 7-12 according to Article I, Section 10, of the MSHSL rules and the following criteria:

- 1. In order to be scholastically eligible, a student must be passing all their classes. Falls High School eligibility will be based upon Quarter 1, Semester 1, Quarter 3 and Semester 2 grades. Scholastic eligibility can be regained by following steps 3 through 12 below.**
2. If a student is ruled ineligible because of a failing grade, s/he may become eligible in two games or two weeks, whichever is greater, after the date that grades become official. It is the ***student's responsibility*** to show evidence of satisfactory (passing) work in ALL classes in the second week of the semester. A student not passing after the 2 weeks or 2 games penalty will remain ineligible until passing all classes.
3. A student who drops a course with a grade of **"F"** will be ineligible for two weeks or two contests (whichever is greater) with a minimum ineligibility of two weeks. A student shall have one week at the beginning of any course to drop that course with no penalty. A student may also drop a course within one week after the start of any semester with no penalty. A student who drops a course after the one-week period will receive a grade of **"F"** in the course and will be ineligible from the date the course is officially dropped for two weeks or two contests whichever is greater, with a minimum ineligibility of two weeks.
4. A student who is ruled ineligible for one quarter may practice but not play, with the approval of the principal, the coach, and the activities director.
5. Students who are assigned to Special Education classes shall be eligible as long as they are making satisfactory progress towards their Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals.
6. Official school records constitute the basis for determining scholastic eligibility.
7. Work done during summer school or other district approved activities, for the purpose of removing scholastic deficiencies, may be used in determining eligibility in athletics/activities. All deficiencies must be successfully removed prior to being certified for eligibility.
8. Medical excuses and other emergencies will be considered on an individual basis.
9. College courses taken for high school credit are covered by academic rules of School District #361. Any student who receives a failing grade or a no-credit for a college course taken for high school credit will be declared ineligible on the date Falls High School grades become official, with a minimum ineligibility of two weeks or two games whichever is greater.
10. In an elective course, if at any time the teacher, student, and parent unanimously agree that the dropping of a course is desirable, there will be no eligibility penalty.
11. A student may appeal his/her ineligibility status. The appeal will be heard by a panel of the Principal, Activities Director, and one non-involved teacher. The panel will hear from the student, the teacher involved, parents and other interested parties, and give its decision within one week. The student will remain eligible until the appeal is decided. If the appeal is denied, a five week ineligible period begins on the day the student is informed of the panel's decision.
12. All students enrolled in approved on-line learning programs and students who are home-schooled will be required to follow the same guidelines and deadlines as students enrolled at Falls High School. Students in an on-line class will be ineligible if the class is not completed at the end of the semester unless Administration deems an extenuating circumstance.

### **LEGAL REFERENCE ~ Minnesota State High School League Rules, Article I, Section 10 (EDU 701)**

#### **DISTRICT 361 ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION (Statements to be signed by participant and parent/guardian)**

I have read and understand the attached rules and have secured by parent(s)/guardian(s) signature here on which acknowledges their receipt of this bulletin.

I acknowledge receiving the District #361 Eligibility Information attached to this statement.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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DATE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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