

ANDOVER CENTRAL

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Andover Families,

I hope you are all looking forward to sunshine and warmer temperatures in the near future! I write to let you know that we will be returning to the former extra-curricular eligibility policy for the fourth marking period. Participation for students in grades 9-12 is based on the criteria listed in the attached Extra-Curricular Activities Policy. The basis for students' eligibility in grades 7-8 is classroom expectations and disciplinary referrals. Eligibility for these students is left to the principal's discretion and looked at on a case by case basis following our Student Code of Conduct. Extra-curricular activities are a privilege, and we expect that students take responsibility for their academics and behavior, including appropriately using their class time, study halls, and academics to be successful.

You will also find attached the daily start times to clarify any confusion about when students need to arrive at school.

I look forward to our continued work together and the group effort to get our students to the finish line for the year! If you have any questions about these changes, please contact me. If you have questions or concerns about your child's grades, please contact your child's teacher for details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Turner".

Molly Turner
Principal
Andover Central School
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The Andover Central School District takes every day to maximize the opportunities and full potential of every child.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Attendance: Students participating in extra-curricular activities are expected to be in all classes for the full day on the date of the activity in order to be eligible to participate. In addition, any student involved in an extra-curricular performance or scheduled competition ***must be in all classes for a full school day on the date following that performance or competition.*** Failure to do this may result in being ineligible for the next performance or competition. Exceptions to these requirements may be reviewed and acted upon by the principal.

Behavior: Extra-curricular activities supplement the regular instructional program and afford opportunities for a wide range of experiences, both academically and socially. Extracurricular activities during the school day will not be allowed to interfere with the minimum instructional time for the school day. Students are responsible for submitting assignments due on the day of the trip. Students are responsible for obtaining assignments missed while on a school-sponsored trip.

Field Trips: Students are expected to submit assignments the following class period upon returning from the trip. Students who participate in school approved trips shall be considered as in school while on the trip. (All school rules and policies apply.) Students shall not do anything to cause Andover Central any embarrassment while participating in extra-curricular activities. Violation of this policy may result in:

1. The student being barred from all school trips for the remainder of the school year and restitution for any and all damages incurred. This will be an administrative decision.
2. Should the behavior on school trips be serious enough in nature, an additional year may be imposed by the school board.
3. Student behavior on school trips may have penalties already covered in other policies that may also be added.

Academic Eligibility: Eligibility in extracurricular activities is a privilege. This privilege is based on a student's academic performance. Should the student's academic performance diminish, restrictions will be placed on the student's involvement in these extracurricular activities.

Students who are ineligible may not participate in or attend any extracurricular activity.

Additionally, if a student is ineligible he/she can't sign out of a study hall without a pre-signed pass from a teacher.

Going out /going home for lunch is a privilege. If a student is ineligible, he/she can't leave the cafeteria at lunch time. It is the student's responsibility to tell the lunch monitor that he/she is in the lunch room. If the monitor is not told, then that student will be assumed to be skipping.

Extra-curricular activities affected by the eligibility policy include, but are not limited to:

- All interscholastic sports
- After school performances, non-credit bearing
- Clubs and class activities
- Student council activities
- Managers of athletic teams and score keepers
- National Honor Society
- After school functions as a spectator

The junior/senior prom and senior trip are dealt with in a slightly different manner.

A student who is ineligible can still attend these functions under the following circumstances:

Prom: The student needs to attend 4 study sessions during the week leading up to the prom.

Senior Trip: the student needs to attend 4 study sessions the week prior to the day the trip begins.

A student's eligibility for extracurricular activities will be based on their course average as reported by their teachers on a weekly basis every Friday afternoon. The passing average for any course is 65. When a student is failing one or more courses, he/she will be required to attend academic remediation as described in the table below.

<u>Number of Courses Failed</u>	<u>Number of Nights of Academic Assistance</u>	<u>Eligibility Status</u>
1	1	Limited Eligibility*
2	3	Limited Eligibility*
3+	4	Ineligible

*In order to maintain their eligibility, the student must bring adequate work to each session. **Adequate work is defined as work pertaining to the course(s) he/she is failing.** If the student brings adequate work and works effectively, he/she will maintain their eligibility for extracurricular activities. If the student does not work effectively during remediation, creates a disturbance during these sessions, or fails to report for a remediation session, he/she will remain ineligible.

Students failing one or more subjects are required to report to the minimum number of sessions per week beginning the Monday following issuance of grades on Friday afternoon and continuing through the following Friday with the issuance of the next weekly grade. Students are expected to attend all academic assistance sessions during this time period in order to maintain their eligibility for extra-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics. Sessions will be held Monday through Thursday from 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

Holidays/scheduled days off **do not** count as a day of academic requirements. However, snow days, unscheduled closings, or early dismissals **do** count as a day of academic attendance.

Example: If a student is failing 1 subject, and there is a day off, he/she still needs to attend 1 day that week. The only exception will be when the student needs to attend 3 or 4 nights of academics, and there are only 2 days to attend; he/she will be eligible if he/she attends those 2 days.

There will be no exceptions to attending study sessions. There will be no make-up study sessions. For example, if a student misses study sessions because of being sick, he/she will be on the ineligibility list the following week. If a student doesn't make the required number of study sessions, he/she will be ineligible the next week.

Academic Release: A student may be released from academic ineligibility when their grade is above a 65 as reported in the weekly grade report issued every Friday afternoon.

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We here at Andover Central School recognize the relationship between attendance and academic success. Therefore, regular, **punctual** attendance is expected of all students.

We would like to reiterate the importance of your child being in school and ready to learn prior to the beginning of the morning class.

As a reminder, following is the morning schedule:

- **Front Doors open at 7:30 a.m.**
- **Breakfast is served between 7:30 a.m. and 7:40 a.m.**
- **Bell rings at 7:40 a.m. and students are to proceed to their classrooms to be seated and ready to learn when the final bell rings at 7:50 a.m.**

If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact me at the above number, X-240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly S. Turner". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Molly Turner,
Principal
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