

**ELIGIBILITY POLICY**

**Grade 9-12**

(Refers to Policy #5117)

The regulations stated here apply to all students involved in the Co-curricular and Interscholastic Athletic programs in grades 9-12. These regulations do not apply to credit bearing activities or activities related to that which appears on the grades 9-12 transcript.

- I. Students absent from school may not participate in an after school activity on that day. To participate a student must be present in school by 11:00 a.m. It is the principal's responsibility to establish appropriate procedures to keep coaches and advisors informed of the classroom and school attendance of the students participating in after-school activities. It is the coach's/advisor's responsibility to share this information with the students in an effort to improve student attendance in school and class and to increase student learning.
  
- II. If a student violates the school's rules of behavior and the behavior results in either an in-school or out-of-school suspension from one to five days' duration, the student is also suspended from up to five days of any after school, weekend, and/or recess activity that he or she is involved with at that time.
  - A. In addition, any suspension from co-curricular activities must include at least one but not more than two suspensions from major contests, debates, performances or games, even if this activity occurs after the school suspension period.
  
  - B. If the violation of school rules involves alcohol or drugs (controlled substances), it is further required that:
    1. the student will attend a meeting with a member of the pupil personnel team;
    2. the student will attend appropriate counseling;
    3. the student and parents will meet with the Principal or Associate Principal and the advisor/coach; and

Students who fail to comply with the above mandates may be precluded from participation in co-curricular activities.

A student with two infractions may not be a participant in after school activities for one calendar year.

- III. To support our primary mission – schooling – it is the responsibility of each student who participates in co-curricular activities, and who falls into probation by achieving less than a 65 average in any subject, to:
  - A. distribute and collect the bi-weekly academic report sheet from each of their teachers and give this report (which is designed to communicate academic progress) to their coach/advisor when they fall into probation;
  
  - B. demonstrate commitment to attend at least one available extra help session in every class in which they have an average below 65;

- C. show certification of item B above on the bi-weekly academic report; and
- D. continue attending needed extra help until all grades are 65 or above.

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It is the coach's/advisor's responsibility to diligently collect the bi-weekly academic reports of students on probation and use this information with the students in an effort to improve student academic success.

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- IV. Students affected by the above regulations will have the right to appeal from a determination of ineligibility. There is to be an Appeal Board composed of the High School Principal, the appropriate administrative Director, Student Projects Director, a coach or advisor of an activity other than the activity in which the student is involved, and a teacher who is not a coach or advisor. The Principal is responsible for establishing appropriate procedure for:
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