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District Athletic Academic Eligibility Policy

Purpose:

- To provide an academic support program and services for at risk students involved with our athletic program.
- To emphasize the importance of academics in the life of the student athlete.
- To ensure that students are held accountable for completion of assignments, and all work which needs to be completed in order to maintain passing grades.
- To effectively monitor students academically and maintain academic integrity among student athletes.

Guidelines and Procedures:

There will be three academic Eligibility Criteria:

1. **INELIGIBLE**
2. **ACADEMIC PROBATION**
3. **GAME INELIGIBLE**

1. INELIGIBLE

- Eligibility will be based upon a student's most recent report card. Fall eligibility status will be determined by the final report card distributed in June of the previous school year.
- A student athlete may attend summer school in order to retake a maximum of two classes failed for the year. Once summer school report cards are distributed the student may request a change of eligibility status based upon passing grades
- Any student who has failed 3 or more subjects on their most recent report card will be deemed **INELIGIBLE** and immediately be dismissed from their respective team. If a student feels that they may have an extenuating circumstance in which they feel they should not be deemed **INELIGIBLE**, they may request a hearing with the Eligibility Committee. Extenuating

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circumstances may include but are not limited to: long term illness, long term absence due to bereavement, or home displacement.

- Students that are deemed **INELIGIBLE** may not attend practices or team competitions.

2. ACADEMIC PROBATION

- Any student who has failed a subject on their most recent report card will immediately be placed on **ACADEMIC PROBATION**.
- Student Athletes on **ACADEMIC PROBATION** must complete a “Contract for Probationary Student” (Document “A”). This contract is to be submitted to the Athletic Office. Students will not be able to practice or attend team competitions until their contracts are submitted and reviewed.
- Student Athletes on **ACADEMIC PROBATION** are *required* to attend extra help for the classes in which they failed.
- Student Athletes on Academic Probation will be required to complete a “Weekly Academic Monitoring Report” (Document “D”). Monitoring reports will be due in the athletic office every Friday no later than 3:30 PM. The Eligibility committee will meet on Mondays following due dates to determine status of student athletes based upon reports.
- Students who are deemed **INELIGIBLE** by the Eligibility Committee based upon their monitoring report are *not* allowed to attend practice or team competitions until the following progress report is submitted and eligibility status is changed by the committee. Students will require a “Change of Eligibility Form” (Document “F”) signed by the Director of Athletics in order to return to their team.
- Students who are deemed **ELIGIBLE** based upon based upon their monitoring report by the Eligibility Committee will continue to participate with their team and continue to have their monitoring reports monitored and reviewed.

3. GAME INELIGIBLE

- Any student who has failed 2 subjects on their most recent report card will be deemed **GAME INELIGIBLE**.
- Students who are deemed **GAME INELIGIBLE** will follow all of the procedures required for **ACADEMIC PROBATION**.

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- Students will be allowed to attend and participate in practices only.
- Students will not be allowed to dress or attend any competitions.
- **GAME INELIGIBLE** student athletes can be moved to **ACADEMIC PROBATION** upon receiving passing numerical grades in **ALL CLASSES** on their next progress report.
- **GAME INELIGIBLE** students who do not receive passing numerical grades on their progress report will be moved to **INELIGIBLE** and be immediately removed from their respective team.
- Any athlete changing eligibility status will require a "Change of Eligibility Form" (Document "F") signed by the Director of Athletics.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- All High School Student Athletes must attend a minimum of 3 out of 4 courses in block scheduling design during the school day in order to participate in athletics that day.
- All Middle School Student Athletes must attend a minimum of 6 courses during the school day in order to participate in athletics that day.
- Any student accumulating 4 illegal tardies will be deemed ineligible for 1 week. Every 4 illegal tardies will result in an additional week of ineligibility. An illegal tardy is defined as being late for the start of school without a written note from a parent/guardian explaining the reason for the lateness.
- Any student who has an illegal absence from a class during the school day will not be able to participate in athletics for that day.

COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES

- At the beginning of each season and at each report card distribution, coaches will review all student athlete report cards and complete an "Ineligible Roster Form" (Document "B") for their team.
- At the beginning of each season and at each report card distribution, coaches will review all student athlete report cards and complete a "Probation Roster Form" (Document "C") for their team.

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- At the beginning of each season and at each report card distribution, coaches will review all student athlete report cards and complete a "Game Ineligible Roster Form" (Document "G") for their team.
- Coaches will receive a "Student Academic Eligibility Report" (Document "E") following all weekly Eligibility Committee meetings showing the updated status of all Academic Probation student athletes.