

**SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY – Currently under review – this will be adjusted for 21/22**

Student eligibility is based on academic success as well as a commitment of the participants to follow the high school league behavior rules. To be eligible to participate **students must receive passing grades in all classes and must be making satisfactory progress towards an on-time graduation.**

1. Any student receiving one or more failing grades at mid-semester or semester break is ineligible for a minimum of one week. In that week the student cannot participate in contests.
  
2. At the end of the first week the student will submit an "eligibility slip" and every week thereafter, until the end of the marking period verifying eligibility. Eligibility slips are due by the end of lunch the last day of the academic week in order to be able to compete the following week. Eligibility slips will be turned in to the activities office. Eligibility runs from Saturday to Friday.
  - a. Students that submit slips with passing grades from all teachers are allowed to play the next week (beginning Saturday).
  
  - b. Students still failing continue to be ineligible. Students who do not submit slips on time are also ineligible.
  
  - c. After the initial first week, grades are checked weekly placing the emphasis on sustaining academic improvement. If the student is not passing for the week, he/she becomes ineligible for that week until an "all passing" slip is submitted.
  
3. Students can move from eligible to ineligible on a weekly basis between mid-semester and the end of the semester.
  
4. Students will start each school year based on their last semester grades. There is a carryover of failing grades from one school year to the next. Students who fail a course 2nd semester will sit out the first game of the season they choose to compete in. Students who complete summer school (Credit

Recovery) will not begin the year on week to week eligibility. Students who fail to complete summer school will begin the school year on week to week eligibility.

\*The penalty for failing a second semester class regardless of the sport is 1 game/meet/event.

*Note: Cross Country & Volleyball can have MSHSL competitions starting at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week. Football can't have a MSHSL game until the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.*

## **II. WEDNESDAY GRADE CHECKS**

1. Starting the 2nd Wednesday of each semester advisory teachers will be made aware of students who are earning Ds or Fs in class. Teachers will communicate with students if they are on the list.
2. If a student is earning a D or F they will be encouraged to attend after school Tutoring sessions. (See VI.)
3. If a student in activities is carrying an F in any class for 3 consecutive Wednesday grade checks they will become ineligible for at least one week. The student can become eligible again when they improve that grade to passing.

## **III. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY--INCOMPLETES**

Students receiving an incomplete at the end of marking period will remain eligible.

1. Students have ten school days after the end of the marking period to convert their incomplete to a letter grade.
2. After the 10-day period of time if the student does not complete the course, the incomplete is changed to an "F" and the student is ineligible as set forth in item I.

## **IV. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY--EXCEPTIONS**

Any student enrolled in the Special Education program will be considered on an individual basis. Students must be making progress towards graduation.

1. A committee formed of the activities director, principal, guidance counselor, case manager, and instructors will decide if the student is working up to his or her ability and making progress.
2. This committee will determine eligibility status.

**V. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY—PARTICIPATION**

1. A student who is declared ineligible will be expected to participate in all practice sessions during the period of ineligibility.
2. A student who is declared ineligible will not participate in any competition or exhibition during the period of ineligibility.

**VI. TUTORING SESSIONS - FOR ALL STUDENTS**

1. Students who are in need of assistance will be encouraged to attend after school tutoring sessions.
2. Students in activities who are failing during Weekly grade checks or at mid-semester or end of semester will be required to attend tutoring sessions until 4:00pm.

**VII. WEEK TO WEEK ELIGIBILITY**

1. Week to week eligibility runs from Saturday through Friday. When a student is ineligible this schedule will be followed.