



Athletic Program Policies and Procedures

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

Student-Athletes are expected to:

1. Abide by the eligibility and attendance policies.
2. Adhere to all game rules of play.
3. Respectfully accept the decisions of the coaches and referees.
4. Participate in practices and games and be prompt and attentive for both.
5. Let the coach know if they are not going to be able to attend a practice or a game, and understand that absenteeism may result in reduced playing time or possible game suspensions.
6. Conduct themselves in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Be a team player. Coaches may discipline any athlete who is disruptive to team activities. Such disruption may include foul language, disrespect for others, or other activities deemed disruptive by the coach.
7. Help others to become better players.
8. Abide by the rules and instructions of the coaches and other supervising adults.
9. Show respect for all buildings, equipment, and uniforms used during athletic practices and competition.
10. Maintain their uniform. If damaged or lost, the athlete must pay the cost of repair or replacement.
11. Athletes are responsible for proper use and care of uniforms and other equipment issued to them. Athletes and/or their parents or guardians will be expected to pay for any lost, stolen or abused uniforms or equipment.
12. Follow all class and school rules. Students will receive a warning regarding play and practice if they receive a behavior referral (refer to PBIS handbook regarding referrals) to the office from any teacher or staff member. A second referral will result in missing a game. The athlete must be on the bench with the team, but will not be permitted to play. Athletes will be expected to practice with the team also. A third referral will result in removal from athletics for the season.

ATHLETIC AND CO-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Eligibility for co-curricular and athletic activities will be based on the following academic guidelines:

- It should be considered a privilege to participate in athletics and co-curricular activities, but it should be secondary to academic effort, attitude, and conduct. Any individual not performing adequately in any of these primary areas should not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities. This includes sports as well as participation in clubs such as Forensics, Yearbook, and Student Council.
- Grades will be monitored weekly throughout the season.
- Student participants are expected to maintain, at minimum, a “C” grade point average (2.0 or higher) (with no “F’s”)
- If the student is below a “C” average grade point average (2.0), he/she will be put on probation for one week. During the probation period the student will still be allowed to practice, but not participate in games.
- During the probation period, the student should work to improve his/her grade to a “C” grade point average (2.0 or higher) in order return to the team in good standing.
- If after the one-week probation period the grade point average has not improved, the student will be ineligible to practice, participate, or play in the sport until re-evaluated in one week.
- When the eligibility is checked again, if the student’s grades are at a “C” average or higher and no “F’s”, he/she may rejoin the team and/or co-curricular activity.
- Any student who spends three consecutive weeks on probation with no improvement to grade or grade point average will be removed from the team or co-curricular activity for the remainder of the season.
- Teachers will be consulted during this process. If the grade has not improved during the probation period but the student’s teachers feel the student has made adequate progress toward improving the grade or grade point average, the student’s eligibility status may be reinstated. The student will be required to continue making adequate progress toward improving his/her grade or grade point average. If a student’s effort in this regard weakens, the student will be placed back on probation or the ineligible list under the above standards.
- If any student is receiving a “P”, “U”, or “F” grade in any subject (less than 69%), that student is ineligible to practice, play, or participate in any co-curricular or athletic activities for at least a one-week period. There is no academic probation period for failing grades. The student’s progress will be evaluated every week.
- If a student spends three consecutive weeks on probation, the ineligible list, or a combination of both, the student will be removed from the team or co-curricular activity for the remainder of the season.
- Athletes are encouraged to meet with teachers often to ensure that their work is satisfactory and that they are meeting all requirements.