

## Athletic Eligibility Policy

The athletic eligibility policy will apply to academic grades for students in classrooms 5 through 8, except for the subjects of Art, Gym, Spanish and Music.

There are a minimum of eight weeks in a quarter, some a little longer with holidays, spring break, etc...

The first three weeks of any new quarter will be to allow teachers/students sufficient time to gather grades to make an initial eligibility assessment. The first assessment will be at the end of week three. If at that assessment, any student has below a C average in any of the subjects except those noted above, then that student will be placed on athletic ineligibility for the next TWO weeks. No exceptions. Remember, a grade below a C is a D or an F.

Two weeks later, at the end of week five of that quarter, a second assessment is made for all students.

If AFTER the two weeks of ineligibility, at the next assessment, that student is above the C average, then the student can return to eligibility.

At week 7, two weeks later again, the third and final assessment of that quarter will be made for all students. There will be a total of three assessments per quarter.

If a student is ineligible for any TWO assessment periods of THAT QUARTER, not necessarily sequential, then that student is removed from that sport during which the student has had two ineligibilities; OR, in other words, two ineligibilities in the SAME sport "season" then the student is done for THAT SPORT even if the sport encompasses more than one quarter.

For the FIRST ineligibility in any quarter the student may be allowed to practice, but not participate in any sports competitions or scrimmages for that two week period of time. This will have to be seriously considered by the student and parents; since if that student is still ineligible a second time in that quarter, that student will NO longer participate in that sport. It may be in the student's best interest to concentrate fully on his/her studies and avoid any additional ineligibility.

A student can be ineligible for two weeks overlapping two quarters, one week being at the end of a quarter, then continuing into the first week of quarter two; therefore a student may miss a week of a new sport due to the overlap of a sport across two quarters.

One minor exception is that if a student is ineligible twice and is no longer on a sports team, BUT that team plays an eighth grade "celebratory" game at the end of the season/academic year, NOT a playoff or championship game as part of a sport season, then that student CAN play in that game; it is a final farewell for those eighth graders; a right of passage such as students versus teachers game, students versus parents, etc...

With EDLINE and frequent communication of grades for homework during each school week, there should be no shock when the assessments are performed. There will be NO ATHLETIC WARNINGS given. Parents and students must understand it is in their combined interest that ineligibility is to be avoided.

NOTE: A student who is ineligible twice in the same season will not be eligible for awards at the end of the season. Additionally, no certificate of participation will be presented.

NOTE: A student who is ineligible for the first time, may wear their jersey to the game and sit on the sidelines or bench with their team. A student is ineligible twice, and consequently removed from the team, may not practice with the team and must turn their uniform into the Athletic Director.