

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION AS A STUDENT-ATHLETE IN THE LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Participation in school sponsored athletic programs plays a significant role in the development of our student-athletes. Lifelong traits such as teamwork, self-discipline, effort, and perseverance give substance to the concept of 'educational athletics'. Granting all this, the primary focus of our student-athletes will always be in the arena of academic achievement. Performance in the academic classroom supersedes performance on the athletic fields.

Toward that end, LPS student-athletes will be expected to be passing all of their classes to remain eligible for competition in athletic contests. The guidelines for this eligibility standard are set forth below:

CARD MARKING GRADES

1. Grades of student-athletes will be reviewed by the athletic director at five weeks intervals.
2. Student-athletes who have two failing grade(s) at the time of the review will be deemed ineligible for competition for a period of one week.
3. Student-athletes who are failing only one class are eligible for competition if their grade point average in their remaining classes is at a 2.0 or above.
4. A failing grade is defined by a grade lower than a D-; a period of one week is defined as beginning on Monday and ending on the following Sunday.
5. Ineligible students may practice with their teams, but are not to compete during scrimmages, games, or other events and contests.
6. An ineligible student may become eligible after sitting out a week and by having improved his/her academic performance such that he/she has no failing grades or that his/her currently running card marking GPA is at or above a 2.0 in his/her remaining five classes.
7. Ineligible students will remain on a weekly ineligible status. Their grades will be reviewed on a continuing weekly basis until they have met the performance standard and are deemed eligible.

SEMESTER GRADES

1. The athletic director will review end-of-semester grades.
2. All student-athletes who have earned two failing grade(s) on the end-of-semester report card will be deemed ineligible for competition for a period of sixty (60) scheduled school days.
3. Student-athletes who are failing only one class are eligible for competition if their grade point average in their remaining five classes is at or above a 2.0.
4. After being ineligible for a period of sixty (60) scheduled school days, that student may return to eligible status if he/she has met the academic performance standard. 5. A failing grade will be defined as an 'E', and 'EW', and 'I', or a 'NC' as reported for the semester grade.
5. Ineligible students may practice with their team, but are not to compete during scrimmages, games, or other events and contests.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Card marking and semester grade point averages will be calculated using a standard scale such that A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, E=0.0.
2. Additional honor points for Accelerated, AP, or IB classes will not be included in the calculation of a student's GPA.
3. Summer school coursework can make an ineligible student eligible during the fall semester.

Courses that are taken during the summer do not have to be exact courses that were failed in the previous semester. The classes passed during the summer will replace the failed classes with regard to athletic eligibility.

4. Ineligible students will not have any portion of their athletic fee reimbursed.
5. Unless otherwise specified in an Individual Educational Plan Committee, these eligibility standards will apply to special education students.

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