

## EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

The Board recognizes the value of extracurricular activities for students in grades 7-12 as an integral part of the total school experience. Since participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, students are expected to demonstrate competence in the classroom as a condition of participation.

Interscholastic extracurricular activities are defined as school-sponsored student activities involving more than one school or school district.

The Board permits students in grades 9 through 12 to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities if they receive a failing grade in the previous grading period.

As a condition for the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities, the Board requires that students in grades 7 through 12 participating in extracurricular activities maintain a 1.50 grade point average or more on a 4.0 grading scale, and in the case of interscholastic athletics abide by the eligibility by-laws of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Students in grades 7-12 passing five (5) one credit courses (OHSAA requirement) per grading period but falling below the 1.50 GPA would be placed on academic probation and given until midterm to attain at least a 1.50 GPA. If a minimum of the 1.5 GPA is not attained at midterm, the student-athlete would be ineligible for the remainder of the grading period and until the 1.50 GPA is attained.

For the purposes of definition, "school day" includes faculty inservice days, calamity days, and regular school attendance days but not holidays or school breaks.

A student coming off the "ineligible status" may become eligible one school day after the mandatory grade reporting date established by the Board of Education or other similar governing body for that school's district, provided said grade reporting date is applicable to all students in that district.

In addition, students participating in any program regulated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association must also comply with all eligibility requirements established by the Association (OHSAA). In order to be eligible, a high school student must have passed a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent, that count toward graduation, in the immediately preceding grading period. The five courses may be a combination of high school and college courses.

A student enrolled in the first grading period of the ninth grade after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five of all subjects carried immediately preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled in the eighth grade.

A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, the student in grade seven or eight must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period, and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades.

Failure to comply with the grading period eligibility requirements results in extracurricular ineligibility for the succeeding grading period.

The mandatory grade report date for all secondary teachers throughout the entire District shall be on the first calendar day following the last day of the preceding grading period.

An “extracurricular activity” does not include any activity found in the school district’s graded course of study.

If a student received home instruction in the grading period preceding participation, the student must meet any academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for the continuation of home instruction to be eligible to participate in the program.

If a student did not receive home instruction in the grading period preceding participation, the student’s academic performance during the preceding grading period must have met any academic standards established by the District for eligibility to participate in the program.

Any student who commences home instruction after the beginning of the school year and at that time was considered ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for failure to meet academic requirements or any other requirements will be ineligible to participate in the same semester the student was deemed ineligible.

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 IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics  
 JECBA, Admission of Exchange Students  
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