

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ACADEMIC POLICY**

The Board recognizes the value of a program of extracurricular activities for students in grades 7-12 as an integral part of the total school experience for the students of the District and for the community. However, student participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right.

For the purpose of this policy, "Extracurricular Activities" refers to a pupil activity program that a school or the District sponsors, and is under the supervision of a coach/advisor/and/or director. "Extracurricular activities" do not include activities in the District's graded course of study. However, band and choir students not meeting these established standards will be excluded from all non-graded/non-credit related activities of the organization during the ensuing grade period.

Academic Eligibility: Eligibility is established on a quarterly basis and is determined by grades received during the preceding quarterly grading period. Semester and final grades are NOT used to determine eligibility. Summer school grades may NOT be used to substitute for failing grades from the previous grading period or for lack of enough subjects taken during the previous grading period.

Students in grades 9-12 must be currently enrolled and enrolled in school during the immediately preceding grading period. To be eligible by the Ohio High School Athletic Association ("OHSAA") standards, students must receive a passing grade in a minimum of five (5) one (1) credit courses or the equivalent, which count toward graduation.

Students in grades 7-8 must pass the minimum of five (5) classes in the preceding grading period.

Student-Athletes in Grades 7-12 must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average, or higher, on a 4.0 scale. Any student eligible by OHSAA standards with a GPA of less than 2.0 during the immediately preceding grading period will be placed on academic probation. To remain eligible the student must actively participate in identified academic intervention programs as formally established by his or her school. These academic intervention programs may include weekly eligibility checks, tutoring sessions, morning and afternoon study tables. Failure to participate in these intervention programs will result in ineligibility until the conclusion of the quarterly grading period. (All courses are to be counted in the cumulative average and quarterly eligibility is independent of the eligibility status of previous quarters.)

#### Probation and Academic Interventions:

1. Probation status is considered a warning.
  - Student can participate and compete at all team contests and at coach's discretion.
  - Student must seek academic assistance to manage the eligibility issue.
2. Ineligible status indicates that the student athlete cannot play in any team contest.

- Student athlete may practice at coach's discretion.
  - Student must be attending after school tutorials and/or obtain other tutorial assistance.
3. Student deemed to be ineligible may regain eligibility only when the next grading period has been posted, provided all eligibility criteria have been met.
  4. If an athlete is on probation, he/she must meet all eligibility requirements at the end of the next grading period or will be moved to ineligible status.

Grade 9 Exception: Students entering the ninth grade for the first time may participate in extracurricular activities for the first quarter of the school year provided they were enrolled in school during the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five (5) of those subjects in which the student received grades. After the first quarter, continued eligibility will be determined by the criteria outlined above pertaining to all other high school students. Eligibility or ineligibility is based solely on quarterly grades from the immediately preceding grading period. Semester, final or summer school grades have no effect on establishing eligibility.

Home schooled students wishing to participate in District athletic programs must be a current resident of Cuyahoga Falls City School District and meet all eligibility requirements established by OHSAA and the District.

These same eligibility standards shall apply to all other co-curricular and extra-curricular activities sponsored by the District.

In addition, students participating in any program regulated by the OHSAA must also comply with any eligibility regulations and bylaws established by the OHSAA.

If a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates that an exemption from this policy would be appropriate, such eligibility requirements shall be adjusted accordingly for the student. However, the OHSAA mandates may not be exempted by an IEP.