

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

At Barre City Elementary and Middle School academics come first. We recognize that being a student athlete can be a challenge. It is vitally important that our student athletes are able to find a balance between academics and athletics. All student athletes are held to an academic standard. This standard is measured at the start of the season (fall seasons are exempt) and midway check-ins.

Students will have individual teachers for every class approve eligibility at the beginning of each season (fall seasons are exempt) using the Habits of Learning Athletic Eligibility Request Form provided to them. At the midway point of the season, student athletes must again have all teachers approve their eligibility based on Habits of Learning criteria. Students must submit their eligibility to the athletic director by the due date.

### **Check-in Due Dates:**

- Fall Athletics- Week of September 24-midway check-in
  - Winter Athletics- Week of November 26-start of season
  - Winter Athletics- Week of January 7-midway check-in
- ★ *Due by the end of the due date week for all athletes*
- ★ *Students will be held from participation, practice, games, or otherwise, in direct proportion to the number of days late the form was submitted (i.e. a form submitted 5 days late means the student sits out of games and practices for 5 days)*

### **In Order To Be Eligible To Participate In Any Sport:**

- Students must be consistently meeting a Developing level of proficiency in all Habits of Learning areas in all classes

The student will be notified by school personnel (the athletic/activities director, a principal, a teacher advisor, coach, etc.) during midway and start of the season check-ins. If the student becomes ineligible to participate in the sport, they will be placed on **academic probation** (details below) and follow the procedures for **two weeks**.

### **Academic Probation For Two Weeks:**

- A student may still practice/meet with his/her team/group.
  - There is NO participation in games/contests/competitions. (may sit on bench at home games)
  - There are NO early dismissals to travel with team or group to away events.
  - The student will use the Habits of Learning Athletic Eligibility Request Form (see Athletic Director for a copy) to be filled out by their teacher for each of their failing classes on a daily basis until the two-week period is complete.
    - (\*\*Note: this is the student's responsibility, NOT the Athletic Director's or teacher's, to get each teacher of "failing" grade to sign the form.)
  - The student must improve grades by the last day of the two week probationary period in order to become eligible again to participate in the sport.
  - If the student's grades have improved by the end of the two week period (or even better, by week one), the student is granted academic eligibility by the athletic director and will remain on the team without any restrictions.
  - If the student's grades have not improved by the end of the two week probationary period, they will not be allowed to return to the team.
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