

# Smith Middle School Eligibility Policy



## Philosophy

It is the philosophy of Smith Middle School that all students will achieve high academic standards. While we consider participation in extra-curricular activities and athletics an important part of our school, participation in these activities is considered a privilege. Therefore, it is the student's responsibility to follow the academic eligibility policy stated below in order to participate in all school activities and/or functions. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Athletics	Student Council
Connectors	Positive Peer
Intramurals	All Clubs

## Policy

Eligibility will be determined every five weeks through progress reports or report cards. At the first five week interval the progress report will be reviewed and a list of students will be generated for ineligible status. Once on the ineligible list the student will be monitored weekly. Each Friday an electronic worksheet will be sent to all teachers via email. If a student is on the ineligible list, the teacher will need to provide the student's approximate grade and behavior/citizenship (1-5).

A student is deemed ineligible if:

- the student is on the low grade report (any D's or E's).
- the student receives eight points or more in behavior/citizenship\* (4's & 5's only, excludes 1's, 2's, or 3's).

*\* A request will be made to teachers at progress report time to provide names of any student who has earned a 4 or 5 in behavior/citizenship.*

Once the student is deemed ineligible:

1. Teachers, coaches and advisors will be given notice of those students who are ineligible by the assistant principal. Initially, notice will be given at the five week mark and then each week thereafter.
2. Parents of ineligible student(s) will be notified by the assistant principal.
3. Athletes will continue to practice with the team but will not participate in any games until the next week's eligibility check. Ineligible athletes are required to attend home and away games.
4. Club members will not participate in two functions (The club advisor will determine the functions where participation will take place) until the next week's eligibility check.

5. All students on the ineligibility list are required to meet with their teacher (s) where they have a D or an E and develop a plan of action.
6. All students on the ineligibility list will be encouraged to attend homework help or mentoring.

### Returning to Eligible Status

During the weekly Friday progress check, the student's teacher will review the electronic document and determine if the student is eligible. This is NOT a cumulative grade but a review of that week's progress ONLY. For example, if a student has an E at the weekly check but the following week has shown progress, at the teacher's discretion, they then can become eligible again. Some examples of "progress" may be turning in all required homework, participating in class, improved behavior, improved test scores, attending after school sessions, etc.

### Five Week Eligibility Schedule

<b>Progress Report/Record Card Dates</b>	<b>Sport</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period Progress Report	Girls Basketball, Football, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Cross Country <i>September - November</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period Report Card	Boys Basketball, Cheerleading, Competitive Cheer <i>November 7 – January 24</i>  Wrestling, Volleyball, Intramural Volleyball <i>Beginning of January - March</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Progress Report	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Card	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Progress Report	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Report Card	Track, Intramural Track, Intramural Tennis, Golf Club <i>April 9 – June (City Meet)</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period Progress Report	
4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period Report Card	