

# Twin Valley School District

No. 122.1

SECTION(S): Programs  
 TITLE: HS/MS Athletic/Co-Curricular/  
 Extra-Curricular Eligibility  
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1		No. 122.1 High School/Middle School Athletic/Co-	1
2		Curricular/Extra-Curricular Eligibility	2
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4	A.	Participation in all athletic/co-curricular/extra-curricular	4
5		activities is a privilege. Athletic/co-curricular/extra-curricular	5
6		activities are those upon which no grade is based.	6
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8	B.	Eligibility requirements shall apply uniformly to all athletic/co-	8
9		curricular/extra-curricular activities. Prior to an athletic/co-	9
10		curricular/extra-curricular season, coaches/advisors must	10
11		check eligibility.	11
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13	C.	Weekly Eligibility. Any student failing one or more courses at	13
14		the senior high school or more than one course at the middle	14
15		school as of 11:00 a.m. on a Friday is ineligible to participate in	15
16		athletic/co-curricular/extra-curricular activities for a period of	16
17		one week beginning from the immediately following Sunday	17
18		through the next Saturday. Eligibility is based on a student's	18
19		cumulative average from the first day of the quarter. Grades for	19
20		all eligible and ineligible students will be reviewed weekly, to	20
21		establish eligibility.	21
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23	D.	Work completed and grades received following the close of a	23
24		weekly period do not alter or shorten the period of ineligibility.	24
25		For example - a student declared as failing one or more courses	25
26		as of 11:00 a.m. on Friday is therefore ineligible for the next	26
27		week. On Friday, a student takes and passes a test, or on	27
28		Monday turns in past-due homework, and is now passing all of	28
29		the failed courses. He is still ineligible for the entire week.	29
30		Work completed after the close of an eligibility period affects	30
31		only the next eligibility period.	31
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33	E.	Any senior high school student with incomplete course	33
34		requirements or failing one or more courses at the end of a	34
35		grade period, and any middle school student failing more than	35
36		one academic class at the end of a grade period or any related	36
37		arts classes in the prior quarter, is ineligible to participate in	37
38		any athletic/co-curricular/extra-curricular activities for a	38
39		period of 15 school days beginning with the first day of the next	39
40		grading period. At the end of the school year, the student's	40
41		final grades will determine eligibility for the next grading period.	41
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43	F.	Beginning of the year eligibility can be changed after the	43
44		successful completion of an approved summer school course(s).	44
45		This includes the graduation project requirement.	45
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47	G.	During the period of time a student is ineligible, the student	47
48		shall not participate in any athletic/co-curricular/extra-	48
49		curricular activity, in any way. The student may not practice or	49
50		play in any game, performance, or activity that is of an athletic/	50

1		co-curricular/extra-curricular nature.	1
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3		H. Upon returning from being ineligible at the beginning of a	3
4		season, due to grades, an athlete must practice a minimum	4
5		of two calendar weeks before participation in an athletic	5
6		event.	6
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8		I. Athletics, band and many other clubs have participation	8
9		and attendance requirements. Frequent and lengthy	9
10		periods of ineligibility may result in a student being	10
11		removed from the athletic team, club or organization.	11
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13		J. Eligibility for Home School, Charter School and Cyber	13
14		School Students. Home school, charter school or cyber	14
15		school students may participate in co-curricular or extra-	15
16		curricular activities in accordance with and subject to the	16
17		provisions of the school code. Home school, charter school	17
18		and cyber school students must meet the same eligibility	18
19		criteria (or equivalent) as students enrolled in school, meet	19
20		the tryout criteria (or equivalent), and comply with all	20
21	24 P.S. 13-1327.1	of the activity. Parents of Home School, Charter School and	21
22	24 P.S. 17-1701-A	Cyber School students should send a letter to the building	22
23	24 P.S. 17-1719-A (14)	principal requesting participation in the desired extra-	23
24		curricular activity. Charter schools and cyber schools will	24
25		be billed for tuition and activity costs according to District	25
26		administrative guidelines.	26
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29		K. The building principal will make all final decisions on a	29
30		student's eligibility status.	30
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32	24 P.S.	L. All coaches shall annually, prior to coaching an athletic	32
33	Sec. 5323	activity, complete a concussion management certification	33
34		training course offered by the Centers for Disease Control	34
35		and Prevention, the National Federation of State High	35
36		School Associations or another provider approved by the	36
37		Department of Health.	37
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39	24 P.S.	M. Each school year, prior to participation in an athletic	39
40	Sec. 5323	activity, every student athlete and his/her parent/guardian	40
41		shall sign and return the acknowledgement of receipt and	41
42		review of the Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury	42
43		Information Sheet.	43
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45		N. Removal from Play. A student who, as determined by a	45
46		game official, coach from the student's team, certified	46
47		athletic trainer, licensed physician, licensed physical	47
48		therapist or other official designated by the district, exhibits	48
49		signs or symptoms of a concussion or traumatic brain	49
50		injury while participating in an athletic	50

1		activity shall be removed by the coach from participation	1
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4		O. Return to Play. The coach shall not return a student to	4
5		participation until the student is evaluated and cleared	5
6		for return to participation in writing by an appropriate	6
7		medical professional. The Board may designate a	7
8		specific appropriate medical professional(s) to provide	8
9		written clearance for return to participation.	9
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11		P. Penalties	11
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13		A coach found in violation of the provisions of this policy	13
14	<b>24 P.S.</b>	related to removal from play and return to play shall be	14
15	<b>Sec. 5323</b>	subject to the following penalties:	15
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17		1. For a <u>first</u> violation, suspension from coaching any	17
18		athletic activity for the remainder of the season.	18
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20		2. For a <u>second</u> violation, suspension from coaching any	20
21		athletic activity for the remainder of the season and for	21
22		the next season.	22
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24		3. For a <u>third</u> violation, permanent suspension from	24
25		coaching any athletic activity.	25
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