

## **Students**

### **Co-Curricular Activities / Athletics**

Student participation in school-sponsored co-curricular activities / athletics is contingent upon the following:

1. The student must meet the criteria set forth in the Board policy 7.240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities.
2. A parent/guardian of the student must provide written permission for the student's participation, giving the District full waiver of responsibility of the risks involved.
3. The student must present a current certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, an advanced practice nurse, or a physician assistant. The Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form, offered by the Illinois High School Association ("IHSA") and the Illinois Elementary School Association, is the preferred certificate of physical fitness. In order to return to play:
  - a. The student must be back to all normal academics.
  - b. Athletes may need to pass a Post-Concussion ImPACT test which is interpreted by either the Certified Athletic Trainer, School Nurse and/or Certified Athletic Trainer, School Nurse and/or physician.
    - o If the test results are back to within normal deviations of the baseline scores, the athlete can continue the Return-to-Play Protocol.
    - o For more information go to [www.impacttest.com](http://www.impacttest.com).
  - c. A physician must clear the student to begin the Return-to play Protocol or have previously given the Certified Athletic Trainer or School Nurse consent to complete the Return –to-Play Protocol.
4. The student must show proof of accident insurance coverage either by a policy purchased through the District-approved insurance plan or a parent(s)/guardian(s) written statement that the student is covered under a family insurance plan.
5. The student must agree to follow all conduct rules and the coaches' instructions.
6. The student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide written consent to random drug and alcohol testing pursuant to the Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program.
7. The student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must: (a) comply with the eligibility rules of, and complete any forms required by, any sponsoring association (such as, the Illinois Elementary School Association, the Illinois High School Association, or the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association), and (b) complete all forms required by the District including, without limitation, signing an acknowledgment of receiving information about the board's concussion policy, 7.265 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries.

The Superintendent or designee (1) is authorized to impose additional requirements for a student to participate in extracurricular athletics, provided the requirement(s) comply with Board Policy 7.10 Equal Educational Opportunities, and (2) shall maintain the necessary records to ensure student compliance with this policy.

### **Co-Curricular Eligibility**

Co-curricular activities include all athletic and non-academic activities sponsored by the Board of Education in elementary, middle schools and high schools. Student participation in these activities is encouraged provided students first meet certain academic requirements.

#### **Eligibility:**

In order to participate in co-curricular activities, students must meet the following requirements;

1. For students in kindergarten through 5th grade, selection of participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the student conduct code.
2. For students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, selection of participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. In addition, participation in cocurricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses.
3. All students participating in co-curricular activities in grades six (6) through twelve (12), except those entering 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, must have received a passing grade in a minimum of five (5) full credit courses the previous semester. All students entering 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade are automatically deemed eligible to participate in co-curricular activities the first semester of their 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade years. This does include summer school, night school, vocational classes, Rock Valley classes, and other accredited courses if available. These additional courses may be used to meet the eligibility requirements. Continued participation will require a student to be passing five (5) full credit courses on a weekly basis, with no unexcused classroom absences. Continued participation will require a student carrying one (1) failing grade to attend mandatory tutoring on a weekly basis.
4. For the spring of 2021 and the first semester of the 2021-22 school year only, in alignment with modifications to the IHSA's Academic By-Laws 3.022 and 4.022, students are required to have received a passing grade in a minimum of three (3) full credit courses in the first semester of the 2020-21 school year in order to remain eligible for the second semester. Students are eligible first semester of the 2021-22 school year if they passed three (3) classes in second semester of 2020-21 school year. However, the mandate that continued participation requires a student to be passing five (5) full credit courses on a weekly basis, with no unexcused classroom absences will apply during the first and second semesters of the 2021-22 school year.
5. For students receiving services under IDEA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, their IEP or 504 plans will be reviewed for proper implementation prior to determining ineligibility. Should this review determine that the

individual plan is appropriately implemented and that the student's ineligibility is unrelated to his/her disability, the student shall be held ineligible.

**Ineligibility Period:**

In accordance with IHSA policy, the ineligibility period for failing to pass five (5) weekly classes will begin the following calendar week, Sunday-Saturday. For example, the grade report shows a student is not passing five (5) courses on Thursday, this student is ineligible to compete the following Sunday-Saturday. The student may continue to compete for the remainder of the week they become ineligible. While ineligible, students may continue to practice with their team but may not dress for any co-curricular activity, scrimmage, exhibition match, etc.

**Mandatory Lunch Tutorial for Ineligible Students:**

Ineligible students in grades nine (9) through (12) must attend four (4) tutoring sessions during the week of ineligibility. If a student fails to attend four (4) tutoring sessions during the week of ineligibility, that student remains ineligible the following week even if the student may be passing five (5) classes.

Ineligible students in grades six (6) through eight (8) must attend three (3) tutoring sessions during the week of ineligibility. If a student fails to attend three (3) tutoring sessions during the week of ineligibility, that student remains ineligible the following week even if the student may be passing five (5) classes.

**Mandatory Lunch Tutorial for Eligible Students with one (1) F:**

Students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) who are passing five (5) classes and carrying a failing grade in a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) class must attend four (4) tutoring sessions during the following week. If a student carrying one (1) F fails to attend four (4) tutoring sessions during the required week of tutoring, that student becomes ineligible the following week even if the student may be passing five (5) classes.

Students in grades six (6) through eight (8) who are passing five (5) classes and carrying a failing grade in a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) class must attend three (3) tutoring sessions during the following week. If a student carrying one (1) F fails to attend three (3) tutoring sessions during the required week of tutoring, that student becomes ineligible the following week even if the student may be passing five (5) classes.

**Practice:**

Ineligible students may continue to practice with their team through the week they are ineligible. Eligible students carrying one (1) F may continue to practice with their team throughout the week they are in tutoring.

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