

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All students who desire to participate in any extra-curricular activity outside the classroom (including field trips) must meet the following requirements. (The following are not considered as extra-curricular activities: A student who is a member of an audience at an athletic event, music event, drama event, assembly, banquet, recipient of an award or honor or recipient of royalty recognition, participation in Baccalaureate but not perform, participation in commencement but not perform, practicing for extra-curricular activities during the time it is scheduled or after school, etc.)

*See Section 4 for elementary guidelines.

The maximum number of absences for activities, whether sponsored by the school or outside agency/organization, which removes any student from the classroom shall be ten (10) absences for any one class period each school year. Excluded from this number are state and national levels of school sponsored contests. State and national contests are those for which a student must earn the right to compete. School Sites will organize sports/activities schedules so that each sport/activity removes students from class "a limited number of days" each year so that the 10 absences are shared over the year. Coaches/sponsors will be asked to have no more than 3 days of missed class time in their yearly events schedules. Exceptions to this number of 3 can be made by the athletic directors and building principals when extenuating circumstances warrant such as the sport of golf being allowed 4 due to public golf course restraints. Everyone is encouraged to avoid loss of class time when at all possible.

Only one credit in PE/Athletics may be counted for credit in any one semester. Competitive athletics begin at the 7th grade level at Western Heights. Students must have completed 6th grade in order to participate with the school's competitive teams.

REQUIREMENTS

General Provisions: Students in Good Standing

- Performance in extracurricular activities is NOT allowed while in In-School Suspension (ISS).
- Students must be present in class for at least a half day on the day of an after-school extracurricular activity in order to participate. Exceptions are made with acceptable documentation (doctor appointment, funeral, etc.).
- Students must be present during each period prior to being released for an activity during the school day.
- Students must maintain a minimum of 90% attendance for the current semester in order to participate.
- The definition of "minimum scholastic standard" is as follows: Students must earn five (5) of seven (7) credits during the first semester and again during the second semester. Failure to earn the required number of credits will result in a six (6)-week ineligibility period at the start of the following semester. All students, except those on the 6-week list, will be eligible with the first day of class in the following semester. Students ineligible on the weekly grade check will be ineligible for the first week of the second or fourth quarter. ANY student with 3 or more "Fs" for the first or third quarter will be ineligible until the end of the first probationary period of the second and fourth quarters.

Section 1. Semesters

- a. If a student does not meet the minimum scholastic standard as defined herein, he/she will not be eligible to participate during the first six weeks of the next semester he/she attends.

- b. A student who does not meet the minimum scholastic standard may regain his/her eligibility by achieving passing grades in all subjects in which he/she is enrolled at the end of a six week period.

Section 2. Student Eligibility During a Semester

- a. Scholastic eligibility for students will be checked at the beginning of the third week of each semester and each successive week thereafter.
- b. A student must be passing in all subjects he/she is enrolled in during a semester. If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled in at the end of a week, he/she will be placed on probation for the next one-week period. If a student is still failing one or more classes at the end of their probationary one-week period, he/she will be ineligible to participate during the next one-week period. The ineligibility periods will begin on Monday and end on Sunday.
- c. A student who has lost eligibility under this provision must meet the minimum scholastic standard (achieving a grade of 60% or greater in all classes enrolled) in order to regain eligibility. A student regains eligibility with the first class of the next one-week period (Monday through Sunday).

Section 3. Special Provisions

- a. A 12th grade student may maintain eligibility if he/she is passing the classes required for graduation. The number of classes can be no less than four. A 12th grade student who is concurrently enrolled in high school and college may use the college courses to meet the minimum number of four subjects needed to maintain eligibility. These may be a combination of high school and college subjects equivalent to four high school units which are accepted by the Oklahoma State Department of Education (physical education and athletics cannot be included in the four requirements).
- b. An ineligible student who changes schools during a semester will not be eligible at the new school for a minimum period of three weeks. A student may regain his/her eligibility by achieving the minimum scholastic standard at the end of a three-week period.
- c. Incomplete grades will be considered to be the same as failing grades in determining scholastic eligibility. School administrators are authorized to make an exception to this provision if the incomplete grade was caused by an unavoidable hardship. (Examples of such hardships would be illness, injury, death in family and natural disaster.) (Board policy allows a maximum of two weeks to apply this exception).
- d. One summer school credit earned in an Oklahoma State Department of Education accredited program may be used to meet the requirements of this policy for the end-of-spring semester.
- e. The period of ineligibility will always begin on the Monday following the day eligibility is checked.

Section 4. Elementary Students

Elementary Students who desire to participate in any extra or co-curricular activity (such as field trips, elementary track meet, class parties, or reward type activities) outside the classroom must meet the following requirements.

- a. Failure to complete classroom assignments will be considered to be the same as failing grades in determining eligibility. School administrators are authorized to make an exception to this provision if the incomplete grade was caused by an unavoidable hardship. (Examples of such hardships would be illness, injury, death in the family and natural disasters.) Board policy allows a maximum of two weeks to apply this exception.
- b. Students must exhibit consistent appropriate behavior in the classroom to represent Western Heights and/or their elementary school in outside activities. Students with prior in-house suspensions, time outs, out of school suspensions, or other forms of discipline may be ineligible.

WEEKLY GRADE CHECKS FOR ELIGIBILITY:

Weekly grade checks will begin in the third week of each semester. Teachers will report any student not passing ALL classes on a weekly basis. An eligibility list will be published each week with the names of those students who have a cumulative grade of 'F' in a class. A student will be placed on probation (he/she may still participate) for one week providing his/her name did not appear on the ineligible list the preceding week. A student will be considered ineligible to participate for one week any time his/her name appears for two consecutive weeks. Each ineligibility period runs from Monday through Sunday. **If a student is serving a week of ineligibility and raises his/her average to 60% or higher during the week, he/she will remain ineligible for that week (through Sunday) and will NOT be taken off the ineligible list until the next weekly eligibility check.**

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