

George W. Hewlett High School
Athletic and Co-Curricular Eligibility Policy

It is the policy of the Hewlett-Woodmere School District to provide each student with an opportunity to develop his/her own interests and to work cooperatively in groups through the sponsorship of a variety of co-curricular activities. While participation in these activities is desirable, it is also important that, as a representative of the school, the student maintain an acceptable level of attendance, academic performance, and positive behavior. The following eligibility requirements have been established toward that end.

1. Attendance: A student must be officially signed into school no later than 10:15 a.m. to participate in any co-curricular/athletic activity on a particular day **unless this requirement is waived by the Principal or his/her designate. (e.g. with proof of doctor's appointment, court appearance, road test, etc.)** Also, if a student is signed out of school early he/she is **ineligible to participate in any co-curricular/athletic activities that day unless the student returns with a document from the appointment stating the reason for leaving school early (e.g. note from a doctor, proof of court appearance, road test, etc.).** In order to ensure the safety of all students, when a student is signed out due to illness, he/she cannot return to participate in co-curricular/athletic activities **unless they return with a note from a doctor stating they are cleared for participation in the activity.** A student must also fall within school guidelines for class attendance. Any student who is "Denied Credit" in two or more courses at any time during the school year will have his or her eligibility reviewed by the Principal. Continued participation in co-curricular activities will be contingent upon this review.
2. Behavior Eligibility: A student must maintain a positive decorum that is beneficial to his/her activity, school, and community. Such behavior as insubordination, disrespect, disruptive classroom behavior, or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in suspension from athletic/co-curricular activities. A decision to participate in any activity on a given day(s) will reside with the principal or his designate.
3. Academic Eligibility: If a student fails any two courses in a marking period, he/she will be placed on probation. The failure of three or more courses in a marking period will result in the student being declared ineligible to participate.

All subjects will be weighed equally in determining eligibility status. An "incomplete" in any subject will count as a failure until such time as a quarterly passing grade is given. The fourth quarter grade at the end of the year will determine academic eligibility for all fall activities (some consideration may be given by the principal for successful completion of summer school courses). Probationary and ineligibility status will commence upon notification.

4. Academic Probation: Academic Probation will last for a period of five weeks. While on probation the student can continue to participate in athletic/co-curricular activities provided that he/she has agreed to the conditions outlined in the "Probationary Contract". The contract must be signed by the student, a parent and returned to the student's grade level assistant principal. At the end of the five week probationary period, the student must demonstrate to the principal that he/she has met the conditions established in the contract to become eligible for continued participation. After meeting with his/her grade level assistant principal, it is the responsibility of the student to petition the principal and to request to be taken off probation. If the student does not petition the principal and/or unsatisfactory progress is demonstrated, the student will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the marking period.
5. Ineligibility: If a student fails three or more courses in a marking period, he/she will be declared ineligible until he/she demonstrates significant improvement in overall academic performance. If the student is declared ineligible he/she will not be permitted to participate in any athletic/co-curricular activities. To be reinstated, the student must fulfill all the requirements stated above for the probationary student.

FROM: _____

Activity Advisor/Coach

Name of Activity/Sport

TO: Parent/Guardian of Student Participating in Co-Curricular Activities at George W. Hewlett High School

I. Academic Standards

II. Attendance

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iii. Behavior Standards/Code of Conduct

- A. The student agrees to abide by the District Code of Conduct policies and the High School codes, practices, and procedures (*Student-Parent Handbook*) and understands that a violation of these codes, practices and procedures may result in suspension from the above named activity/sport in addition to any penalty appropriate to the violation.
- B. The student agrees to refrain from use, possession or sale of alcohol and drugs which are illegal, on or off campus, (during the time that he/she participates in the above named activity and during the academic year.)
- C. The student agrees to abide by any further reasonable conditions imposed by the activity advisor/coach during the time that he/she participates in the above named activity. These include arriving at meetings/practices on time and with the necessary materials/equipment to participate; proper respect for officials and opponents; and to refrain from the use of foul, inappropriate, derogatory, or prejudicial language at any time.
- D. The student agrees to demonstrate respect for himself/herself, family, activity members and Hewlett High School, including property (equipment, materials, etc.) loaned to the student. Loss or destruction of such school property is the student's responsibility.

iv. Participation/Training Standards

- A. Certain activities require a minimum level of participation/training, as established by the activity advisor/coach. The student agrees to these conditions (provided by activity advisor/coach) and realizes that failure to maintain this minimum level of participation may result in disciplinary action, including suspension from the activity.
- B. A student may not practice or participate in a co-curricular activity, if he/she is not in attendance during a school day before 10:15 a.m.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE STANDARDS OUTLINED ABOVE.

Please sign below and return this form to your advisor/coach.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT)

PARENT/GUARDIAN (PRINT)

STUDENT SIGNATURE & DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE & DATE