

**Procedure 2151P Considerations**  
**Academic Eligibility and Seasonal Timeline**  
**Bellevue, Interlake, Newport and Sammamish High Schools**

**Relevant Appeal Information from procedure 2151P Interscholastic Activities as it relates to the BSD Academic Standard**

**Grade Point Requirement**

In order to participate in a sport and/or other WIAA recognized activity, student athletes are required to:

- earn a passing grade in at least six (6) credit-bearing classes in the semester preceding participation
- be passing six (6) credit-bearing classes in the current semester, and
- maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in at least six (6) classes

The record at the end of the semester shall be final, except for credits earned and approved by the Bellevue School District.

If a student athlete's cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, that student athlete is academically ineligible for competition for a three (3) week period from the start of the initial grade check for that sports season. The student athlete may attend and participate in practices, but is prohibited from participating in competition during this period. To be reinstated for interscholastic competition, a student athlete must be maintaining a minimum 2.0 current GPA in at least six currently scheduled credit-bearing classes at the end of the suspension period. Otherwise, the student athlete remains ineligible for competition until maintaining a minimum 2.0 current GPA in at least six currently scheduled credit-bearing classes. Eligibility begins on the Monday following the end of the suspension period. Three or more teaching days shall constitute a week. To ensure continued eligibility this standard must also be maintained at each subsequent grade check throughout that sport season.

However, there may be unique and unusual circumstances that result in less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA. If any student, parent/guardian, teacher, coach, administrator and/or counselor, believes that there is such a circumstance, they may request a waiver of this requirement. Circumstances that may qualify for unique and unusual are listed below. This list is not exhaustive.

- The student enrolled in the district within the last two years with a credit deficiency and low grades. Given the limited amount of time to recover, the student was able to complete the credits required, but not meet the 2.0 GPA.
- The student experienced a significant health, mental and/or emotional situation that significantly interfered with the ability to attain the 2.0 GPA.
- The student has an identified disabling condition.
- The student has made extraordinary effort (re-took classes, took challenging and rigorous courses beyond his/her level and in spite of working hard earned low grades, attended tutorial regularly, attended summer school, took optional learning programs, etc.) to earn the requisite GPA, but in spite of all his/her efforts was unable to meet the requirement.
- The student is a winter student athlete, already served a suspension period during the winter sport season due to the BSD standard and earned at least a 1st Semester GPA of 2.0.
- Note: See the Athletic Director or high school counselor for details.

**Process:**

1. Student completes the "2.0 Cumulative GPA Athletic Requirement Waiver Form" and submits to their Athletic Director along with a transcript.
2. Athletic Director sends the paperwork to the student's Assistant Principal for review and adjudication.
3. The form is returned to the Athletic Director. If the request is denied, the parent/guardian and/or student will have the opportunity to appeal to the Principal. All privileges associated with athletic and/or activities will be denied the student pending the outcome of any appeal request.
4. The Principal will work as efficiently and judiciously as possible to act on appeals to maximize the possibility that the student and/or his/her parent may exercise their rights to appeal prior to any privileges being lost.
5. If the request through the Principal is denied, the student may request an appeal conference with the District Activities and Athletics Director which constitutes Step Three of the District complaints procedure outlined in Bellevue School District Procedure 4220P (Complaints Concerning Staff and Programs).