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Dear 4-6th Grade Families,

We are writing to let you know that the Acorn League eligibility requirements have changed, starting this school year (2024-2025). These updates affect all Acorn League sports, including basketball, volleyball, futsal, and track.

Eligibility Determined Using Standards-Based Proficiency Scale

Students must maintain academic eligibility as defined by [MUSD's Standards-Based Proficiency Scale](#).

As proficiency scale marks are not meant to be “good” or “bad” grades but rather represent actual student growth and progress, students with the following marks in all subjects are eligible to play: Exceeded (EX), Proficient (PR), Approaching (AP), or Beginning (BE)!

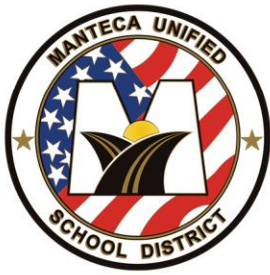
The exception is if a student receives an Insufficient (IN) mark, they will **not** be able to participate in official **games** but can participate in scheduled practices. The “IN” mark means that a student has not demonstrated enough evidence to assess their progress toward a standard. If a student has an “IN” mark during the eligibility check periods, the student can have a probationary period to become eligible before being allowed to play.

Students must also meet standards in “Habits of Success” to play. This includes following school rules, routines, and expectations, being prepared, organized, and on task, completing assignments on time, and respecting and collaborating well with others. Students who are suspended twice or for five or more days in a trimester will lose the privilege to participate for 45 school days.

Students who receive Special Education Services will have eligibility standards determined by the principal and Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team.

When 6th grade students transition to 7th grade in the 2025-2026 school year, fall grade checks will align with 9th grade high school sports eligibility rules. For more detailed information, please review the Acorn League Handbook.

Eligibility Check Periods



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- Basketball: Eligibility checked from August 7 to August 22 and eligibility begins August 27, 2024.
- Volleyball: Eligibility checked from November 13 to December 5 and eligibility begins January 14, 2025.
- Futsal: Eligibility checked from March 12 to March 28 and eligibility begins April 2, 2025.
- Track: Eligibility checked from March 14 to April 2 and eligibility begins April 3, 2025.

Attendance

Students must attend at least two-thirds of the school day on the day of a game to participate.

Students who are new to the district or fall below academic standards may have a probationary period to become eligible before being allowed to play.

We encourage you to review the new eligibility criteria and talk with your child about how they can stay eligible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's school office.

Thank you,

Manteca Unified School District