

Ken-Ton Athletics Academic Eligibility

Interscholastic athletics are co-curricular, complementing and enhancing the educational experience by promoting physical, mental, and emotional development. Participation in sports is not separate from academics but is integrated with them. By emphasizing the co-curricular nature of athletics, we ensure that students prioritize their studies while benefiting from the holistic development that sports provide.

Academic requirements for try-out, practice, & contest participation

Grade-level credit requirements:

- Entering 10th grade: Must have earned 4.5 credits
- Entering 11th grade: Must have earned 9 credits
- Entering 12th grade: Must have earned 13.5 credits

Seasonal requirements:

- **Fall Sports Season:** The student must have earned four credits plus physical education during the preceding school year. Credits may be earned through summer school.
 - If this requirement is not met, the student may try out for the team but will be limited to practice only for the first five weeks of the season and will not be eligible to participate in games or competitions during that period.
- **Winter Sport Season:** The student must have passed four courses plus physical education during the first 10-week marking period.
- **Spring Sport Season:** The student must have passed four courses plus physical education during the second marking period.

After the first five weeks of each marking period and at the end of each marking period (i.e., interim report and report card), a list will be developed containing the names of students who are not passing the required four academic courses of study plus physical education. This list of students will be distributed to coaches. The Assistant Principal for Athletics will notify these students that they are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities based upon their current academic status.

Once notified, the student will be given up to seven school days to demonstrate that they are passing four academic courses plus physical education. After seven school days, the Assistant Principal for Athletics will pull the grades of any student whose eligibility is initially in question. If, upon review, the student is determined to be ineligible—failing to meet the requirement of passing four academic courses plus physical education—they will be removed from the team. The Assistant Principal for Athletics will notify both the student and the coach of the final eligibility determination.

For those students who remain ineligible after this process is completed, further participation in the extracurricular activity/event will be denied.

The building principal at any time may declare a student ineligible for lack of acceptable

performance in school work or violations to the District's *Code of Conduct* and/or Athletic Code of Conduct.

Extenuating Circumstances

The District recognizes that extenuating circumstances may exist resulting in the need to extend their probationary status. Upon review of the extenuating circumstance(s), the Assistant Principal for Athletics or building principal may make a recommendation to extend the probationary period of a student. A final determination will be rendered within three school days and communicated with the student, their parent(s), and the coach/advisor.