

Athletic Eligibility / Grade Checks- Middle School

It's vital that our athletes are meeting eligibility requirements. Trying to determine if a student-athlete is eligible can get very confusing so we'll try to break it down into several categories with the hope that this clarifies.

A. Athletic eligibility

Prior to all seasons athletes must be deemed eligible (cleared) to play. This means that the student-athlete is:

1. Meeting WIAA Requirements- **Passing at least 5 out of 6 classes (or equivalent).**
2. Meeting Sumner-Bonney Lake School District (SBLSD) Requirements- **Minimum "current" 2.0 GPA AND passing all classes.**

NOTE: Though SBLSD requires athletes to pass all classes while the WIAA only requires 5 out of 6, both are listed because the penalties for not meeting each standard differ.

In season Grade Checks- All student-Athletes must meet SBLSD requirements (passing all classes AND have a minimum current 2.0 GPA). Student-athletes are suspended from interscholastic competition until they meet SBLSD requirements.

- Start Check- After the first week of competition.
- Coach does the grade check and sends the names of any athletes not meeting standards to the Athletic Coordinator within 24 hours.
- Student-Athlete sits out as soon as the AC has been notified of the ineligibility.

Procedures for determining athletic eligibility vary for each season as follows:

Season 1 Sports -

For initial eligibility use the *previous spring semester's grades.*

- Athletes not meeting SBLSD Requirements (minimum current 2.0 GPA AND passing all classes are placed on athletic suspension for a minimum of one (1) week. They are eligible to practice but not eligible for interscholastic competition.
 - Once the student-athlete has served the SBLSD suspension they regain their eligibility IF they are meeting SBLSD requirements. If not they remain suspended from interscholastic competition until they are meeting SBLSD requirements.
- Athletes not meeting WIAA Requirements (passing 5 out of 6 classes or equivalent) are placed on athletic probation through the first three weeks of the semester (through Friday, September 19th 2025). They are eligible to compete while on WIAA academic probation. At the end of the WIAA probation period:
 - If the student-athlete is meeting both SBLSD and WIAA requirements they would remain eligible.
 - If the student-athlete isn't meeting SBLSD requirements (passing all classes and a minimum 2.0 GPA) they are on SBLSD academic suspension until they are meeting the requirements. They are eligible to practice but not eligible for interscholastic competition.
 - If the student-athlete isn't meeting WIAA requirements (passing 5 out of 6 classes or equivalent) they will be placed on WIAA academic suspension for a minimum of one (1) week and remain suspended from contests until they are meeting both WIAA and SBLSD requirements.
- If the student-athlete is meeting both SBLSD and WIAA requirements at the end of their suspension period, they can return to interscholastic competition immediately.
- Student-athletes are not eligible to participate in interscholastic competition until they meet SBLSD requirements.

Season 2 Sports -

For initial eligibility use previous semester grades for student athletes that didn't participate in season 1 to determine if they meet WIAA requirements (passing 5 out of 6 classes or equivalent), AND first quarter grades for all student-athletes to determine if they meet SBLSD Requirements (minimum current 2.0 GPA and passing all classes).

- Athletes not meeting SBLSD or WIAA Requirements are placed on athletic suspension for a minimum of one (1) week. They are eligible to practice but not eligible for interscholastic competition.
- If the student-athlete played sports in season 1 and served a suspension then, he/she would not have to serve another one week suspension unless their first quarter grades are not meeting SBLSD requirements. For example, Dave's spring grades from last year didn't meet requirements. He played baseball during season 1 and served a suspension (either WIAA or SBLSD). Now he is playing soccer in season 2. As

long as his first quarter grades meet SBLSD and WIAA requirements he is not required to serve another suspension. If, on the other hand, his first quarter grades show that he isn't meeting SBLSD requirements then he would serve another one week suspension. Athletes that haven't played a sport yet this school year are to serve the one week suspension if they aren't meeting SBLSD or WIAA requirements on either last spring's grades OR first quarter grades.

- If the student-athlete is meeting both SBLSD and WIAA requirements at the end of their suspension period, they can return to interscholastic competition immediately.
- Student-athletes are not eligible to participate in interscholastic competition until they meet SBLSD requirements.

Season 3 Sports -

For initial eligibility use previous semester grades for student athletes that didn't participate in season 1 or 2 to determine if they meet WIAA requirements (passing 5 out of 6 classes or equivalent) to determine if they meet SBLSD Requirements (minimum current 2.0 GPA and passing all classes).

- Athletes not meeting SBLSD or WIAA Requirements are placed on athletic suspension for a minimum of one (1) week. They are eligible to practice but not eligible for interscholastic competition.
- If the student-athlete played sports in season 1 or 2 and served a suspension then, he/she would not have to serve another one week suspension unless their first quarter grades are not meeting SBLSD requirements. For example, Dave's spring grades from last year didn't meet requirements. He played baseball during season 1 and served a suspension (either WIAA or SBLSD). Now he is playing basketball in season 3. As long as his first quarter grades meet SBLSD and WIAA requirements he is not required to serve another suspension. If, on the other hand, his first quarter grades show that he isn't meeting SBLSD requirements then he would serve another one week suspension. Athletes that haven't played a sport yet this school year are to serve the one week suspension if they aren't meeting SBLSD or WIAA requirements on either last spring's grades OR first quarter grades.
- If the student-athlete is meeting both SBLSD and WIAA requirements at the end of their suspension period, they can return to interscholastic competition immediately.
- Student-athletes are not eligible to participate in interscholastic competition until they meet SBLSD requirements.

Once 1st semester grades come out Grades are to be checked a week after first semester grades come out (1/23/2026).

- Student-Athletes not meeting WIAA Requirements (passing 5/6 classes or equivalent) are placed on athletic suspension through the 3 week WIAA Suspension period (first 3 weeks of second semester- Friday, February 23rd in 2024) and are not eligible for interscholastic competition.
- Student-Athletes not meeting SBLSD Requirements (2.0 GPA and passing all classes) are placed on athletic suspension for a minimum of one (1) week. They are eligible to practice but not eligible for interscholastic competition.
 - **If the student-athlete is meeting both SBLSD and WIAA requirements at the end of their suspension period, they can return to interscholastic competition immediately.**
 - **Student-athletes are not eligible to participate in interscholastic competition until they meet SBLSD requirements.**

Season 4 Sports-

For initial eligibility use previous semester and 3rd qtr. grades to determine if a student-athlete has met WIAA (passed 5 out of 6 classes or equivalent) and SBLSD ("current" minimum 2.0 GPA and passing all classes) requirements.

- Athletes not meeting SBLSD or WIAA Requirements are placed on athletic suspension for a minimum of one (1) week. They are eligible to practice but not eligible for interscholastic competition.
- If the student-athlete played sports in season 3 and served a suspension then, he/she would not have to serve another one week suspension unless their 3rd quarter grades are not meeting SBLSD requirements. For example, Dave's 1st semester grades didn't meet requirements. He played basketball during season 3 and served a suspension (either WIAA or SBLSD). Now he is playing football in season 4. As long as his 3rd quarter grades meet SBLSD and WIAA requirements he is not required to serve another suspension. If, on the other hand, his 3rd quarter grades show that he isn't meeting SBLSD requirements then he would serve another one week suspension. Athletes that haven't played a sport yet this school year are to serve

the one week suspension if they aren't meeting SBLSD or WIAA requirements on either last spring's grades OR first quarter grades.

- If the student-athlete is meeting both SBLSD and WIAA requirements at the end of their suspension period, they can return to interscholastic competition immediately.
- Student-athletes are not eligible to participate in interscholastic competition until they meet SBLSD requirements.

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