



Strasburg School District 31J

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Extracurricular Activity Eligibility	JJJ-R
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Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

The following rules shall govern participation in all school-approved extracurricular activities:

Academic Eligibility

A. Initial Eligibility Requirements (ALL SCHOOLS)

- i. This CHSAA Eligibility requirement is based on the start date of the sport/activity, based off of the previous semester transcribed grade.
 1. During the period of participation, the student must be enrolled in courses which offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 2.5 Carnegie units of credit per semester and must not be failing more than the equivalent of one-half Carnegie unit of credit.
 - a. Interpretation:
 - i. If a student fails two courses in a semester, they are INELIGIBLE to participate until a predetermined date established by CHSAA (or the next season), unless the courses are made up during summer school. (REFER to CHSAA rules 410.1)
- ii. To be eligible to participate in any sport/activity, a student must also:
 1. Participants must be enrolled in the district as full-time middle school students or high school students in courses that will earn three Carnegie units of credit per semester or enrolled in a nonpublic home-based program or an independent or parochial school taking an equivalent number of classes. (according to CHSAA guidelines).
 - a. Interpretation:
 - i. At Strasburg High School, all 9th -11th grade students are required to take seven classes per semester. Seniors must take at least 6 classes per semester.

- ii. At Hemphill Middle School, all 7th and 8th grade students are required to take seven classes per semester.
- iii. Approved units of Credit (Carnegie Units)
 - 1. Courses in SHS, PCHS, HMS Course Catalog
 - 2. Morgan Community College Courses
 - 3. University of Northern Colorado Courses
 - 4. AIMS Community College Courses
 - 5. Pickens Technical College Courses
 - 6. PLATO (credit recovery) Courses
 - a. Plato classes for **determining eligibility** must be assigned by the counselor or principal within the first 2 weeks of a semester which is in compliance with our add/drop period for classes.
 - b. Plato classes for determining eligibility must be completed within the semester assigned.
- iv. **Other Eligibility Guidelines**
 - 1. A student is ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition upon arriving at age 19; however, if his/her 19th birthday occurs on or after August 1st, he/she shall be eligible to participate that year.
 - 2. The period of eligibility for a high school participant shall be limited to eight consecutive semesters, (if he /she began high school as a ninth grader). Any student who has attended eight semesters in grades nine through twelve is ineligible for high school athletics/activities except that a student otherwise ineligible may complete a season's participation in an interscholastic sport beginning in his 8th semester.
 - 3. No high school student shall participate more than 4 seasons in any one sport (3 seasons if he/ she began high school as a 10th grader). Any athlete certified to compete in athletics must be an amateur (refer to CHSAA by-laws for further interpretations). To qualify as an amateur, a student must never:
 - a. Have knowingly participated in competition with professionals or have competed for money.
 - b. Have competed under an assumed name.
 - c. Have accepted an award which has been converted into cash d) Have signed a professional contract.
 - d. No award of any kind other than by the school, the Association, or a group approved by the school or the Association and limited in value to \$100.00 shall be made to participants in any inter-school activity. (CHSAA policy)
 - e. If unapproved awards are offered and accepted by the participants, such participants shall jeopardize their eligibility to represent their school in any inter-

school activity; and, further, such acceptance shall and may result in a suspension from school. (CHSAA policy).

4. Students participating in CHSAA sanctioned athletics must submit a physical examination statement to the school before participating in any sport.
 - a. This must be submitted to the athletic office or online registration platform.
 - b. Must be submitted on approved CHSAA physical examination form.
 - c. Physical must be valid.
 - i. Within 365 days of participation.
 - ii. Dated.
 - iii. Signed by physician.
5. Students must register for all CHSAA sanctioned activities and school activities through online registration platform and complete all required fields.

B. Semester Eligibility

- i. Close of a semester is identified on the district calendar.
 1. All grades must be finalized within 48 hours of the close of a semester.
 - a. **Exceptions**
 - i. Special circumstances arise out of the students' control.
 1. vacations, illness, family deaths.
 - ii. Students are granted Principal Hardship permission to within a reasonable time to fulfil or complete assignments for grading within the grading window. Usually, 2 days prior to the opening of a new semester.
 - b. **Procedure**
 - i. Teachers will give students an incomplete at the close of the semester and then replace the incomplete within the grading window.
 - ii. Principal Hardship waivers must be on file and the CHSAA office notified by email.

C. Weekly Eligibility (All Schools)

- i. Process
 1. SSD31J member schools shall utilize a point system to determine eligibility.
 - a. 4 points and a student is ineligible for the upcoming week.
 - i. F = 2 points, D = 1 point
 1. Interpretation Ineligible
 - a. 2 F's = 4 points, student is ineligible for the week.
 - b. 1 F, 2 D's = 4 points, student is ineligible for the week.

- c. 4 D's = 4 points, student is ineligible to compete.

- 2. Interpretation Eligible

- a. 1 F, 1 D = 3 points, student is eligible to compete.
- b. D's = 3 points, student is eligible to compete.

- ii. Procedure

1. Teachers shall enter grades into the student information system (PowerSchool) on a weekly basis to create a warning list by 1:30 PM, Wednesday, of the week.
2. Coaches/sponsors/teachers will be informed by Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. of students on a down list.
 - a. Coaches/sponsors/teachers will inform participants who are on the down list that they will have until Friday at noon to get grades corrected.
3. Final Eligibility will be processed on Friday, at 2:30 p.m. Students who receive 4 or more points for the week shall not be eligible for the following week (Monday through Saturday). The athletic director will certify individual student eligibility in cooperation with the guidance/administrative office. Students participating in activities who are not enrolled in the district must provide appropriate certification stating that the academic eligibility requirements have been met.
4. Students who are ineligible are still required to attend practice unless the coach requires them to attend a study hall.
5. Students must receive an opportunity to be graded each week.
6. There will be NO opportunities for grade changes for the eligibility period after the Friday Eligibility has run for that grading week.
7. No eligibility list shall be published for the purpose of determining eligibility during the first two weeks of a grading period.

- iii. Support

1. SSD31J member schools shall make available a program of academic support for all students that are failing. The academic supports may include, but are not limited to interventions in the Master Schedule, after school tutoring or other supports deemed appropriate to ensure the academic success of all students.
 - a. Support Opportunities:
 - i. Eligibility emails weekly to parents.
 - ii. Eligibility phone calls weekly to parents.
 - iii. Coaches host study halls prior to practice or in lieu of practices.

- iv. Mandatory Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) time after school with teachers.
- v. Continued Monitoring of progress.

iv. Attendance

- 1. Students enrolled in the district must be in attendance at school for at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the school day in order to participate in any school sponsored activity that is conducted on that day. In cases of emergency or extenuating circumstances, the principal or designee may grant an exception to this limitation. The attendance requirement will not apply to other students since the district cannot effectively monitor their daily attendance.

- a. Interpretation

- i. 7th-11th grade students must attend a minimum of 4 classes to practice or compete in school sponsored athletics or activities.
 - ii. 12th grade students with 6 classes must attend a minimum of 3 classes to practice or compete in school sponsored athletics or activities.

v. Code of Conduct

- 1. Students violating the district code of conduct will be ineligible until they have complied with all disciplinary sanctions.

- a. Interpretation

- i. Be considered a good citizen of the school and community by the school administration.
 - ii. Our students must represent our school appropriately and be positive role models at all times. Any inappropriate activity on or off campus may face disciplinary action, including losing the privilege of representing our school in extra-curricular activities.

- b. Eligibility Penalty

- i. A student who is suspended will be ineligible for at least one game or activity (starting on the day of the suspension). Major infractions that result in multiple days of suspension will cause a student to miss more than one game or activity at the discretion of the administration.

- 1. Students who are suspended will not be allowed at all team functions including but not limited to practices, games, organized team social functions on or off school grounds.

- ii. If a student receives an unexcused absence from his/her classes, he/she may miss at least

one game or activity at the discretion of the administration. Multiple unexcused absences can result in missing more than one game or activity and possibly dismissal from the team at the discretion of administration.

vi. Make up work

- 1.** No make-up work shall be permitted after the close of the grading period for purposes of becoming eligible. All students who receive an incomplete at the end of the semester have one week to complete any required work and receive a passing grade. A student failing to complete work during the normal semester because of a manifest hardship (injury, illness or other circumstances beyond his control) may be permitted a reasonable time following the student's recovery to complete the work. In most cases the length of time would be a like number of days which the student was absent from school.

D. Applicable Students & Activities

i. ALL SSD31J students 7th - 12th grade.

- 1.** General Education
- 2.** Special Education
- 3.** Strasburg High School
- 4.** Prairie Creeks High School
- 5.** Hemphill Middle School

ii. If a student is ineligible, he/she may not participate in the following interscholastic activities (if the competition is not part of a class requirement):

- 1.** Fine Arts performances/competitions
- 2.** FBLA
- 3.** SNAP
- 4.** Student Council
- 5.** NHS
- 6.** Knowledge Bowl
- 7.** Dances including prom
- 8.** All CHSAA Sanctioned Athletics and Activities at all levels offered by Strasburg Schools.

E. Fulfill other requirements as established by the coach and administration.

F. A coach should never accept a note from a teacher to regain eligibility, any eligibility questions or concerns should be addressed directly with the Athletic Director.