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MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

I. Scope

Students who participate in extracurricular activities are expected to maintain their responsibilities as a student, which include regular attendance, responsible behavior, and maintaining their grades. Although this philosophy holds true for all students, this eligibility regulation only applies to competitive sports and dramatic productions sponsored by Waterville Jr/Sr High School.

II. Eligibility Coordination

- A. The Athletic Director or designee shall monitor information regarding student eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities and will maintain a list of students who are ineligible. This includes 5 week grade checks, attendance information, and behavior information.
- B. When information about academic achievement, attendance, or behavior indicates a student is ineligible, the Athletic Director or designee will notify the student and the coach/director of any extracurricular activity in which the student is then participating.
- C. In the case of academic ineligibility, it is the student's responsibility to obtain from the teacher a statement of acceptable progress, and to provide the Athletic Director or designee with the statement. Until this is done, the student will remain ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities.

III. Eligibility Definitions

- A. Eligible: Student is allowed participation in the activity.
- B. Probation: Student is allowed to participate in the activity but will be placed in a structured study hall.
- C. Ineligible: The student is expected to attend and participate in practices/rehearsals, will be placed in a structured study hall, and is not allowed to participate in competitions/productions.
- D. Structured Study Hall: Students will not have pass privileges during study hall; students should use structured study hall as an opportunity to complete any outstanding/current coursework assignments, assessments, and/or project for any and all classes.

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- E. Checkpoint- Checkpoints take place every 5 weeks (includes 5-week progress reports and end of marking period report cards).
- IV. Eligibility Criteria
- A. Academic Achievement
 - 1. In order to remain eligible to participate in extracurricular activities students must be passing all classes at the time of the checkpoints.
 - 2. The eligibility of a student to participate in extracurricular activities will be reviewed every 5 weeks. This will be done by generating an automated report through the online gradebook system (School Tools). The eligibility of a student to participate is determined by the student's academic status at the most recent checkpoint. This includes the previous school year for fall sports.
 - a. If a student is failing one (1) course they will be placed on probation. This student will remain at this status for one (1) week. After a week has passed, the student must bring the sign off form to their teacher and the teacher will provide the student's current grade which will determine whether the student will regain full eligibility, remain on probation, or become ineligible. If a student is still failing, they will be on probation for an additional week. After 2 weeks, if the student is still failing the course, they will become ineligible until the next grade checkpoint; the building principal is the only person that can move a student from this ineligible status back to a probationary status prior to the next grade checkpoint.
 - b. If a student is failing two (2) or more courses they are immediately ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities. After a week has passed, the student must bring the sign off form to their teacher and the teacher will provide the student's current grade which will determine whether the student will remain ineligible or be placed on probation.
 - i. If the student is passing, they will move to probation and complete an additional week of teacher sign off. If a student remains in good standing for the additional week, the student will have full eligibility.

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- ii. If a student is still failing 2 or more courses, they will be ineligible for an additional week. After 2 weeks and the student is still failing the courses they will remain ineligible until the next grade checkpoint. The building principal is the only person that can move a student from this ineligible status back to a probationary status prior to the next grade checkpoint. Note: A student cannot go from “ineligible” to “eligible”. Students must transition from “ineligible” to “probation” and from “probation” to “eligible”.)
 - c. For students whose eligibility status is affected by the spring carryover, the determination of eligibility begins on the first day of school. Final averages (not fourth quarter grades) are used for this purpose.
 - i. Course credit earned during summer school overrides a failing average from the end of the school year. The Building Principal has the ability to override the spring carryover if summer school was not required, not available for the failed course, or for other extenuating circumstances.
 - ii. A student’s initial status in the fall is otherwise consistent with the eligibility rules: one (1) failure earns probationary status, and more than one (1) failure renders a student ineligible.
 - iii. For a student to return to eligible status from the spring carryover, they must complete an eligibility form signed by all teachers of all classes that the student is enrolled in during the fall semester.
- 3. For dramatic productions, if a student is deemed ineligible during the week of production, the following criteria applies:
 - a. If ineligible in two (2) or more classes – miss one full production. At the end of the week (Friday) the eligibility status can be upgraded based on student grade. A student remains ineligible when there is a failing grade for two (2) or more classes. A dress rehearsal does not count as a production.

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B. Attendance

All students must be in school on time and for all periods of the day of a scheduled extracurricular practice or event in order to participate on that day. Students must be present at school, be in their first period class by 8:00 am, and remain in school for the entirety of the school day in order to participate in any activities for that day. The only acceptable reasons for being late to school or leaving during the day are for scheduled health appointments, required court appearances, college visitations, extreme emergencies, or administrative discretion. If a student misses school for any of these reasons, authentic documentation must be provided (i.e. doctor's note). An unexcused absence on the day following an extracurricular event will make the student ineligible to participate in the next extracurricular event.

C. Behavior

1. Expectations for student behavior are described in the Student Code of Conduct. Teachers may report to the Athletic Director, Assistant Principal or the Principal those students whose behavior is unsatisfactory, and this information may be shared with the coach/director.
2. A student will be ineligible from an extracurricular activity on the day of an in-school suspension.
3. A student will be suspended from participation in their extracurricular activity for a maximum of one (1) week, or three (3) athletic contests, in the event of any out-of-school suspension.
4. If a student athlete quits a sport without the consent of the coach or is removed from a team by a coach, they will become ineligible for the remainder of that sport season and twenty percent (20%) of the next sport season they participate in. If a coach agrees to release a student from a team, the twenty percent (20%) ineligibility for the next season will not apply.
5. Students who violate the ban on alcohol, drugs, tobacco and vaping will be ineligible for their extracurricular activity for two (2) weeks, or twenty percent (20%) of the full season. Further violations of this provision may result in a student being declared ineligible for extracurricular activities for up to one (1) year.

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6. The Building Principal may declare a student ineligible at any time for disciplinary reasons.

V. Review of Eligibility

- A. A student who has been classified as ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the duration of an athletic season, or drama production, may request a review of that classification by a review board. The review board will consist of the Building Principal, Athletic Director and the teacher(s) reporting the information leading to the determination of ineligibility.
- B. The student and the student's parent(s) (or person in parental relation) will be given a reasonable time to present their appeal to the review board. If the student has been suspended from school, or a disciplinary hearing is pending, the appeal to the review board shall not re-argue the facts about the student's alleged behavior. The review board will inform the Superintendent, the student, and the student's parent(s) of its decision within five (5) school days of the review by providing them with a written and dated decision.
- C. Within five (5) school days of the date on the review board decision, the student may make a written request to the Superintendent to review the decision. The written request may set forth the student's arguments for a change; however, there will be no additional meeting or conference unless the Superintendent decides to schedule one. The Superintendent shall inform the student and the student's parent(s) of the Superintendent's decision within five (5) school days by providing them with a written and dated decision.
- D. Further review of the eligibility decision by the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education will be available as provided in policy and the Education Law.

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Student Acknowledgement

I understand that my participation in _____ depends upon my maintaining satisfactory levels of: (extracurricular activity)

- Academic Achievement
- Attendance
- Behavior

I have a copy of the Extracurricular Activity Handbook, and agree to abide by all the rules for student conduct, and, to refrain from using or possessing any alcoholic beverages, tobacco/e-cigarettes/nicotine or related products, illegal, counterfeit or performance enhancing drugs on or off school property. I consent to being tested for alcohol and drug use at any time during the season by random selection and without prior notice.

I have read and understand the Extracurricular Handbook and understand the responsibilities involved. I understand that I will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, which may include being suspended from the team, if I do not comply with the expectations identified in the Waterville Central School District Extracurricular Activity Handbook.

Student Signature

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Parent Acknowledgement

I understand that the participation of my child _____ in _____ depends upon my child maintaining satisfactory academic achievement, attendance, and behavior.

I understand that an important part of the Waterville Central School District’s Extracurricular Activity Handbook prohibits the use and/or possession of alcohol, tobacco/e-cigarettes/nicotine or related products or drugs. I consent to my child being subject to unannounced testing for alcohol and drug use, by random selection, as a condition to participation in extracurricular activities. I understand that state law prohibits the use of such test results for law enforcement purposes but requires the district to advise both me and the Social Services Department of any positive test results.

It is the responsibility for each extracurricular participant and his/her parent or guardian to promptly notify the coach/advisor of any injury – no matter how slight – at the time it occurs or is discovered. The school district carries non-duplicating insurance on all players. Hence, all parents or guardians are responsible for all medical bills which are in excess of scheduled payments. All medical bills must be submitted to the family’s insurance company before the school’s insurance (pupil benefits) will consider the claim.

By its very nature, participation in extracurricular activities may put students into situation in which injury may result from such participation. Many forms of athletic competition result in physical contact among players’ equipment which may result in an accident; strenuous physical exertion, and numerous other exposures to risk of injury. Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. By choosing to participate, the student also acknowledges that such risks exist. No amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will totally eliminate all risk of injury. The obligation of parents and students in making the choice to participate cannot be overstated. By granting permission for your child to participate in the extracurricular activity, you, the parent or guardian, acknowledge that such risk exist.

Signature Parent/Guardian

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