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OXFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Oxford Area School District Board of Directors recognizes that education is its first priority. The Board and Administration desire to ensure an appropriate balance between the district's educational program, athletics and school-sponsored extracurricular activities. Participation in athletics and extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. In this spirit, the Board establishes policy which requires all students who reside in the Oxford Area School District who participate in athletics and extracurricular activities to achieve certain minimum academic levels of performance, and certain standards or school attendance and behavior in order to be eligible to participate in district-sponsored athletics and extracurricular activities.

The Board further directs that no student may participate in a program of school-sponsored extracurricular activities who has not maintained a record of academic proficiency, attended school regularly, paid an activity fee or had it waived for financial reasons, and returned all outstanding school supplies/equipment.

The policy is not intended to negate or lessen in any way the responsibility of all students to strive for their academic or extracurricular best and behave in a manner acceptable to the Oxford Area School District, nor is it intended to negate any national, Pennsylvania, P.I.A.A. or district level rules or regulations.

Athletics – those sports programs in which the students of the district participate that are governed by P.I.A.A. rules and regulations and school district policy, and where those students represent their school at competitive events.

Extracurricular Activities- those activities in which K-12 grade students participate that are organized and financially sponsored by the school district and where those students represent their school at competitive or performing events beyond the school day.

Student participant – a student in grade K-12 who is pursuing a full-time curriculum as approved by the Superintendent of Schools and is a representative of their school at district-sponsored competitions or performances beyond the school day.

Passing grade – a passing grade as per Policy #5310.

The Board shall make athletic and extracurricular programs available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate, except where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable. The Board shall approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they may be operable.

Students participating in athletic and extracurricular programs sponsored by the district shall comply with all the laws and rules governing that program including the standards of eligibility herewith approved by the Board. The Board delegates the oversight of these programs and eligibility requirements to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent delegates to the principal the responsibility for the eligibility status of students participating in athletics and extracurricular programs for their schools. In the final analysis, respecting delegated authority given the principal, the Superintendent is responsible for the implementation of this policy. S/He shall serve as an expert advisor to the Board on eligibility matters.

Building principals, Assistant Principals/Athletic Directors, coaches, and activity directors shall be responsible for the status of eligibility of student competitors in their charge, and shall follow the appropriate guidelines. The principal shall establish a monitoring system whereby all student competitors shall be monitored for their eligibility status weekly during their in-season activity.

Eligibility regulations include P.I.A.A. standards as well as school district rulings included herein. Those student competitors whose sport is governed by the P.I.A.A. rules and regulations are subject to them, in their entirety, including, but not limited to academic, curricular and attendance requirements.

Fees/Return of Equipment Guidelines

1. All student participants shall be responsible to pay an activity fee as set annually, no later than May each year, by the Board in order to participate in athletics and school-sponsored extracurricular activities. The fees may be waived for financial reasons which shall be requested through the School Principal. Financial reasons may include parental qualification for free and/or reduced lunch programs.

2. All outstanding borrowed school or athletic equipment, library books and textbooks shall be properly returned to the school, or fines paid by the student athlete before s/he may compete.

These rules apply to K-12 grade students, who are or will be a participant in sports or extracurricular activities.

Ineligibility

In all cases of ineligibility, coaches will make an attempt to notify the parent/guardian of the student participant to inform them of the reason and the duration of the ineligibility.