2026-2027 Fall Sports Season

Academic Eligibility and Seasonal Timeline

Bellevue, Interlake, Newport and Sammamish High Schools

1st Turnout -> Wed, August 19 (Football) and **Mon, August 24** (All Other Fall Sports)

Three (3) Grade Checks are conducted throughout the Fall Sports Season to ensure student athletes meet the following WIAA and BSD academic standards. Athletic Directors will check current grades of all student athletes on current rosters at all levels.

1. Initial Grade Check -> Mon, August 24 – Fri, August 28 (five days)

During this Grade Check, Athletic Directors use the previous semester grades (i.e. semester ending June 2025) and any high school transcript to review academic performance and determine eligibility through WIAA and BSD standards:

WIAA: a.) The student athlete must have passed six credit-bearing classes during the previous semester.

Student athletes who do not meet this WIAA academic standard are ineligible for competition from the end of the previous semester through the fourth Saturday in September. To be reinstated for interscholastic competition, a student athlete must be passing six of their currently scheduled credit-bearing classes at the end of the suspension period. Otherwise, they remain ineligible for competition until passing six of their currently scheduled credit-bearing classes. Eligibility begins on Monday following the **end of the suspension period -> Mon, Sept 21**.

Note: BSD accredited summer school programs may be used to address a student athlete's academic issues incurred during the previous semester.

b.) The student athlete must pass six credit-bearing classes of the current semester.

No current grades available for the new school year. Therefore, all students meet this standard during this period.

BSD: c.) The student athlete must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Student athletes who do not meet this BSD academic standard are ineligible for competition from the start of the Initial Grade Check for the Fall Sports Season through the first three weeks of school. (The defined suspension period is three weeks. Three teaching days constitutes a week.) To be reinstated for interscholastic competition, a student athlete must maintain a minimum 2.0 current GPA in at least six currently scheduled credit-bearing classes at the end of the suspension period. Otherwise, they remain ineligible for competition until maintaining a minimum 2.0 current GPA in at least six currently scheduled credit-bearing classes. Eligibility begins on the Monday following the **end of the suspension period -> Mon, Sept 21**

Note: To ensure continued eligibility this standard must also be maintained at each subsequent grade check.

Note: A student athlete may request a waiver for this BSD academic standard if unique or unusual circumstances resulted in a cumulative GPA less than 2.0. See the Athletic Director or high school counselor for details.

Athletic Directors will report student athletic ineligibility information to all head coaches by **Fri. August 28** Athletic Directors will meet with ineligible student athletes to discuss specific suspension requirements **Mon. August 31 – Fri. September 4** (four days).

2. Five-week Interim Grade Check –> Week of October 5

During this Grade Check, Athletic Directors use the current grade progress report to review academic performance and determine eligibility through the **WIAA standard: The student athlete must be passing six credit-bearing classes.** Student athletes who do not meet this WIAA academic standard are ineligible for competition until they are passing six of their currently scheduled credit-bearing classes. Student athletes who did not meet the **BSD standard** at the Initial Grade Check will be re-checked to ensure continued eligibility. Student athletes and coaches will be informed regarding academic ineligibility no later than **Wed, October 7**.

3. 1st Quarter Grade Check –> 1st Quarter ends **November 6** -> Grades final **November 13**

During this Grade Check, Athletic Directors use 1st Quarter grades to review academic performance and determine eligibility through the **WIAA standard: The student athlete must be passing six credit-bearing classes**. Student athletes who do not meet this WIAA academic standard are ineligible for competition until they are passing six of their currently scheduled credit-bearing classes. Student athletes who did not meet the **BSD standard** at the Initial Grade Check will be re-checked to ensure continued eligibility. Student athletes and coaches will be informed regarding academic ineligibility no later than **Friday, November 20**.

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