2026-2027 Winter Sports Season

Academic Eligibility and Seasonal Timeline

Bellevue, Interlake, Newport and Sammamish High Schools

1st Turnout -> Mon, November 9 (Gymnastics) **Mon, November 16** (All Other Winter Sports)

Three (3) Grade Checks are conducted throughout the Winter 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., November 16 – Fri., November 20** (five days)

   During this Grade Check, Athletic Directors use the 1st Quarter Grades 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 for the defined suspension period, which has passed by the start of Winter Sports Season. Therefore, all students meet this standard at this time. (Note: This standard is also reviewed at the 3rd Winter Sports Season grade check below.)

   b.) The student athlete must be passing six credit-bearing classes in the current semester.

   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.

   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 Winter Sports Season for a three-week period (three teachings days constitutes a week). To be reinstated for interscholastic competition, a student athlete must be maintaining 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 -> Sunday, December 6, Eligibility begin Monday December 7.**

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

   Note: If a winter student athlete also turned out for a fall sport and served a suspension period during the Fall Sports Season due to the BSD standard, they will not serve a second suspension. However, to be eligible for interscholastic competition, that student athlete must be maintaining a minimum 2.0 current GPA in at least six currently scheduled credit-bearing classes. Otherwise, they remain ineligible for competition until maintaining a minimum 2.0 current GPA in at least six currently scheduled credit-bearing classes. If a winter student athlete did not turn out for a fall sport, they will serve the BSD suspension period.

   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., November 20.** Athletic Directors will meet with ineligible student athletes to discuss specific suspension requirements **Mon., November 23 – Wed., November 25** (three days).

2. **Five-week Interim Grade Check –> Week of December 14**

   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., December 16**.

1st Semester Grade Check –> 1st Semester ends **January 28** -> Grades final **February 4.**

During this Grade Check, which is the end of a semester, Athletic Directors use 1st Semester grades and high school transcript to review academic performance and determine eligibility through the WIAA 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 for the first five weeks of the succeeding semester (i.e. 2nd semester of the current school year). 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 the Monday following the **end of the suspension period -> Monday March 15**.

b.) The student athletes must be passing six credit-bearing classes of the current semester.

No current grades available beyond 1st semester grades. Therefore, all students meet this standard at this time.

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 succeeding semester for a three-week period (three teachings days constitutes a week). To be reinstated for interscholastic competition, a student athlete must be maintaining 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 -> Monday, March 1.**

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

Note: If a winter student athlete already served a suspension period during the Winter Sports Season due to the BSD standard and earned at least a 1st Semester GPA of 2.0, they may request a waiver to not serve a second suspension. See the Athletic Director or high school counselor for details.

Student athletes and coaches will be informed regarding academic ineligibility no later than **Wednesday, February 10.**