



NEW HANOVER COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Greeting NHCS Parents and Guardians,

In New Hanover County Schools (NHCS), participation in athletics is an important extension of the educational experience. Interscholastic athletics provides students with opportunities to develop teamwork, leadership, responsibility, discipline, and sportsmanship. Athletic participation is a privilege that comes with expectations for academic achievement, school attendance, citizenship, and personal responsibility. We encourage all families to regularly monitor grades and attendance to ensure students who are interested in participating in athletics remain on track for eligibility throughout the year.

In accordance with NHCS Board Policy 3620, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), and the North Carolina Middle School Athletic Manual, student-athletes must maintain both academic and attendance standards to remain eligible for athletic participation. The following requirements are outlined below:

Academic Eligibility

To be considered academically eligible, a student must:

- Pass at least 70% of their courses from the previous semester
 - Middle School (pass 5 out of 6)
 - High School (pass 3 out of 4)
 - High school students enrolled in fewer than 4 courses must pass all courses in which they are enrolled to remain eligible
- Maintain a minimum 70% cumulative average or a 2.0 GPA

Attendance Eligibility

Students must be present for at least 85% of instructional days during the preceding semester to be eligible for athletics. To participate in an athletic contest, a student athlete must be in attendance on the day of the contest if school is in session. Parents are responsible for submitting documentation of any absence upon their child's return to school, so the school can determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. Submitting documentation at a later date may impact a student's athletic eligibility.

Questions About Eligibility

If you have questions regarding your child's athletic eligibility status, please contact your school's Athletic Director, counselor, or administrator for assistance. Early communication can help families address concerns before they affect participation opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of New Hanover County Schools and our student-athletes. Working together, we can ensure that students succeed both in the classroom and in competition.

Best Regards,

Aaron Livengood
NHCS Athletic Director