

Athletic Eligibility Criteria Evaluation

School	Eligibility Criteria	Grading Scale
Havre	Passing all classes	10-point scale
Box Elder	Receive 4 "non-failing" grades the previous semester	10-point scale
Big Sandy	May have one "F" in a class, then complete academic improvement plan to be eligible; Two or more "F" grades not eligible for 1 week	10-point scale
Shelby	One "F" grade put on probation & cannot miss that class to travel. If remain on probation list for a 2 nd week in the same class become ineligible for the entire week	10-point scale
Harlem	D- or higher in all classes	10-point scale
Wolf Point	Passing grade in 4 classes	10-point scale
Fort Benton	Passing grade in all classes	10-point scale
Glasgow	Passing all classes OR fail one class but have a 1.5 GPA or higher	Teacher determines what percentage point are equivalent to each letter grade (A=4 pts., B=3 pts., C=2 pts., D= 1 pt., F= 0 pts.)
Cut Bank	No "F" in any class	4-point scale
Conrad	Passing 4 classes at semester	10-point scale
Great Falls Central Catholic	Passing 5 classes	10-point scale
Poplar	Unknown	10-point scale
Fairfield	Passing all classes the previous semester	92% A= 4pts. 84% B= 3pts. 73% C= 2pts. 65% D=1 pt. 64% F= 0 pt.
Malta	Pass 5 classes & not fail more than one core class; checked at mid-term, quarter, and semester	A= 94% B= 87% C= 77% D= 70%

*The fourteen schools above were chosen to be evaluated because they are either in the surrounding area or part of the Class 1B or 2B athletic regions.

***10-point scale:** A= 90% , B= 80%, C= 70%, D= 60%, F= 0-59% (plus and minus grades are also within the percentage ranges)

When looking at athletic eligibility criteria one must determine the definition of “passing” in order to interpret the requirements places on the student-athlete. Therefore, the following chart is used to define “passing” as it relates to the aforementioned fourteen schools.

Definition of “passing”	Number of schools that use definition
Passing = 60% or higher grade	9
Passing = 65% or higher grade	1
Passing= 70% or higher grade	1
Passing= college equivalent (1 on a 4 pt. scale)	2
Unknown	1

Categorizing the eligibility criteria of the fourteen schools is summarized in the table below.

Passing all classes	5
Passing all but one class	4
Passing 5 classes	1
Passing 4 classes	3 and MHSA
Unknown	1

After evaluating the above information one can interpret the following:

*The majority of the fourteen schools use the criteria of passing all classes the student is enrolled in with a 60% or higher.

*Schools with higher grading scales allowed for one failing class, thus, lower eligibility criteria.

Rocky Boy Jr/Sr High School’s higher grading scale which uses a 77% as a “C” and the higher eligibility criteria of earning a 2.0 GPA or a “C” (77%) in all enrolled classes is a much higher standard than any of the fourteen schools evaluated.

Conclusion:

In order to be more aligned with the surrounding schools and Class 1B and 2B athletic regions Rocky Boy Jr/Sr High School needs to re-evaluate the eligibility criteria, the grading scale, or a combination of the two.