

Executive Summary: New SVHS Athletic/Activities Eligibility Requirements

With the new SVHS academic schedule, all students will now take eight academic classes. As a result, a change is needed to our current eligibility process to ensure it is measured fairly and consistently for all students.

The purpose of the academic eligibility policy is to promote student success in the classroom while encouraging continued participation in athletics and school-sponsored activities. In addition, this policy is designed to hold students accountable academically while providing a clear and consistent system for determining weekly eligibility.

Ineligibility Standard

Any student who is not passing at least six classes with a D- or better on Friday at 9:00 AM will be declared academically ineligible for one calendar week (Sunday-Saturday).

Eligibility Check

Academic eligibility will be checked every Friday at 9:00 AM. Grades must be updated by faculty, and available at that time. The eligibility report generated at 9:00 AM on Friday will be used to determine eligibility for the following week.

Length of Ineligibility

A student who is declared academically ineligible will remain ineligible for one calendar week. The ineligibility period will begin the Sunday following the Friday eligibility check and will remain in effect until the next Sunday after a student-athlete reestablishes eligibility.

Students who are academically ineligible may still be allowed to practice, attend meetings, or participate in team activities at the discretion of the school, athletic department, activity sponsor, and coaching staff. However, academically ineligible students may not participate in contests, competitions, performances, or school-sponsored events during the ineligibility period.

Regaining Eligibility

A student may regain eligibility at the next Friday eligibility check if they are passing at least six classes with a D- or better. However, they would not be permitted to participate in competition until the following week.

Students are encouraged to communicate with their teachers, attend academic support opportunities, complete missing work, and take ownership of their academic progress throughout the week.

Semester eligibility

Semester eligibility will be determined at the end of each academic semester. To remain eligible for athletics and school-sponsored activities during the following semester, students must earn a passing grade of D- or better in at least six classes. Students who do not meet this requirement will be academically ineligible and must successfully complete approved credit recovery coursework before eligibility can be reestablished.

Recommendation

The administration recommends that the Board of Education consider the approval of the new SVHS athletic/activities eligibility requirements. This revised policy is designed to hold students accountable for their academic performance while encouraging participation in extracurricular activities.