

1 **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**
2 **POLICY**
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11 Activities Handbook. The goal of this policy is to encourage academic excellence and foster long-
12 range goal setting by the students of Browning Public Schools. It is important that students and parents
13 or guardians understand that the primary mission of the school is to provide an academic education to its
14 students and the privilege of participation in extra-curricular activities will be based upon achievement in
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22 **Browning Public Schools**

23 *Policy #3520*

24 *Policy Name: Academic Eligibility*

25 ***Regulation:*** -----
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27 **Montana High School Association Policies**

28 All students participating in extra-curricular activities at Browning High School must meet the academic
29 eligibility and enrollment requirements in Browning Public Schools in addition to the rules and regulations
30 stated in the Montana High School Association (MHSA) Handbook. MHSA statements are as follows: MHSA
31 Handbook Article 2, Section (2) Eligibility.

32 "To be eligible to participate in an Association Contest, a student must be regularly
33 enrolled in school, must be in regular attendance from the enrollment date, and received
34 a passing grade in at least twenty periods of prepared class work or its equivalent in the
35 last previous semester at the school where the student participates..."

36 Interpretation of the above Article is that students will be enrolled in at least two credits of classes while
37 participating in Extra Curricular activities at Browning High School.
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39 **MHSA Handbook Article 2, Section (2), Academic Eligibility**
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41 "To be eligible to participate in an Association Contest, a student must have received a
42 passing grade in at least twenty periods of prepared work per week or its equivalent
43 during the last preceding semester in which he/she was in attendance. If a student is
44 assigned an "incomplete" or a "condition" in a subject, he/she has not received a passing
45 grade in this subject. The record at the end of the semester is final and scholastic
46 deficiencies may not be "made up" in any way. This section shall not apply to students

47 committed to Pine Hills School or to students assigned to MHSA interscholastic activities
48 as part of their Special Education Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.).”
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50 Interpretation of the above Article is that students must earn 2 credits during the semester prior to the
51 sport season in order to participate in a particular sport. Passing four classes worth 1/2 credit per
52 semester will meet this standard. P.E. and Office Aide classes are worth 1/4 credit per semester.
53 MHSA Handbook Article 2, Section (15), Award Rule
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55 “No award exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) in value shall be given per event in any MHSA
56 sanctioned sport or in any MHSA sanctioned interscholastic activity by a member school,
57 by any person or by an organization to a student in recognition of that student’s
58 achievement or participation in any interscholastic activity. An event is defined as a sports
59 camp, an invitational tournament/meet, a post season recognition (i.e. sports banquet),
60 or fund raiser or similar function. Cash cannot be awarded.”
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62 Violation of this rule will render the student ineligible in the MHSA sponsored sport or activity for the
63 student received the award.
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65 The Board of Control will follow the same procedure for restoring the eligibility status as provided in the
66 last paragraph of the Amateur Rule, Article II, Section (16) of the Handbook.
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- 87 1. Weekly feedback will still be given to the student concerning their academic standing.
88 Browning Public School students, (Grades 6-12), should meet weekly eligibility by passing all classes
89 to be eligible to participate in Extracurricular Activities as defined herein.
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- 91 2. **ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY:** A weekly Eligibility list based on each student’s in-progress grades shall be
92 generated each Friday at 2:00 p.m. The eligibility period will begin the following Monday morning,
93 and will run for one-week Monday through Sunday. A student who receives ONE “F” on the weekly
94 eligibility checklist will be on probation and can practice and compete until the next grade check

95 ("The Grace Period" and all student athletes are allowed "1" and the Head/Assistant Coach will keep
96 track of their own grace periods then report grace periods to the Activities Director each week). A
97 new Grace period shall be added at the beginning of the second semester.
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99 If, at the next weekly grade check, the student has at least one "F" the student immediately
100 becomes ineligible to participate in competition, but can practice. The student will remain ineligible
101 for competition until he or she is passing ALL the classes at the time of the weekly grade check. If the
102 ineligible student has no "F" grades on the next grade report, he or she becomes eligible on the
103 Monday following their week of ineligibility.