

Students

Academic Requirement Policy for High School Students Involved In School-Related Activities

The Board of Education believes school-sponsored, school-supported and co-curricular activities provide students with invaluable educational experiences, as well as instructional skills, and knowledge. The Board further recognizes, however, that a student's academic education must take precedent over participation in such activities. As such, and in accordance with Section 10-20.30 of the *School Code*, the Board has determined as follows:

A. Academic Requirements

All students in this District between grades nine and twelve who participate in a competitive school-sponsored activity, including school-supported athletic or co-curricular activities (i.e. IHSA, IMEA, and WYSE), must achieve a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 system each semester. This grade point average will be based on a student's final semester grades.

B. Academic Remediation

If a student fails to achieve the minimum 2.0 GPA in any given semester, he or she shall be considered in academic remediation. When a student is involved in academic remediation, he or she shall only be allowed to participate in competitive school-sponsored activities if his or her weekly GPA is at least 2.0 and he or she has attended and been productive in the required number of academic study tables for that week. If in any week he or she fails to maintain the required weekly 2.0 GPA or does not attend the mandatory number of academic study table sessions, he or she will be declared "academically ineligible" for competition the following week.

C. Definition of "Weekly Eligibility"

Weekly Eligibility as discussed in sections "B" and "D" of this policy is defined as Monday through Sunday following a student's earning a Grade Point Average (GPA) less than 2.0 or not attending the required number of academic study tables. The weekly GPA is calculated and reported each Friday or the last day of the academic week.

D. Academic Study Table

In order to receive academic resources and support, the student must attend academic study table sessions four out of five days per week or the number of days class is in session during a week. These may include, but are not limited to study tables, one-on-one tutoring, and working with teachers before and after school hours. These study table sessions will be established by the SHS Athletic Director. If the student does not attend these required study table sessions, the student will temporarily be declared "Academically Ineligible" for the following week.

E. An Example of Academic Ineligibility

A freshman involved in high school activities achieves a 2.6 grade point average in the fall semester. He is then academically eligible for all activities in the spring semester. At the end of the spring semester, it is determined the student achieved a 1.9 GPA for the second semester. Even though the student's accumulative grade point average is above 2.0, because he did not achieve a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher, the student is now in academic remediation for the entire next semester. In

this case, that next semester is the fall semester of his sophomore year. If the student achieved a 2.0 GPA, or higher, for the fall semester of his sophomore year, he would be allowed to participate in spring semester activities and no longer considered in academic remediation.

F. IHSA Requirements

In addition to the District's Academic Requirements, which are described in this Policy (1.A. through 1.E), any student who is involved in an IHSA (Illinois High School Association) sanctioned activity or sport must meet their organization's academic requirements. Currently, those requirements include:

- Each semester, students must pass a minimum of two academic credits, or four classes. Failure to achieve this academic mark results in the student being ineligible for all IHSA sanctioned events the immediate following semester.
- Weekly, students must be passing a minimum of four classes. Failure to achieve this academic mark results in the student being ineligible for all IHSA sanctioned events the immediate following week.

The Board of Education authorizes the administration to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and enforce this policy.

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