

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY

The MSAD #56 Board of Directors recognizes the contribution of interscholastic athletic/co-curricular activities to the overall academic program and encourages all students to participate in the district's offerings. However, interscholastic athletics/co-curricular activities shall not replace academic achievement as the intended result of school attendance. To ensure that student academic progress does not suffer, the Board of Directors requires that students be academically eligible. Eligibility will be based on academic performance as outlined herein. These academic eligibility requirements shall be made known to all students and parents/guardians, and shall be adhered to by all district staff and coaches.

These requirements shall apply to ALL interscholastic athletic/co-curricular activities. This policy shall follow the requirements of membership in the Maine Principal's Association (MPA). Student participation in interscholastic athletic/co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic/co-curricular activities, a student must maintain a passing grade in **ALL** subjects. In the case of students identified as needing special services, the Pupil Evaluation Team (PET) will determine academic eligibility. Guidelines for determining eligibility will be implemented by individual school administrators, and subject to the review of the Superintendent. The eligibility guidelines will be included in the Student/Parent Handbook(s).

DISCIPLINE:

No activity supersedes after-school detention. No student will participate in an interscholastic activity for the duration of any in-school or out-of-school suspension. The duration for any in-school suspension ends at dismissal time on the last day of the in-school suspension. The duration for the out-of-school suspension ends with the beginning of the next school day. This policy allows the Superintendent of Schools to impose penalties on students for the use, possession, or sale of tobacco, alcohol, and/or illegal drugs on or off campus. Although the penalty will vary dependent upon the seriousness of the offense, the penalty may include but not be limited to being ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic/co-curricular activities.

ATTENDANCE:

A student must be present in school for the full day in order to participate in practice or competition that afternoon or evening. The only exceptions will be excused tardiness or dismissal. For the purposes of this policy, excused tardiness or dismissals are for appointments with health professionals, family emergencies, or religious observances.

CROSS REFERENCES:

JJ, Student Activities Policy
JJI, Interscholastic Athletic Philosophy
JJI-E, Participant's Contract

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