

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AITKIN HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of student participation in the extracurricular activities offered at Aitkin High School. In order to continue participation in the extracurricular program, however, every student must be making satisfactory academic progress toward the school's graduation requirements. The following policy is established to define satisfactory progress as it relates to scholastic eligibility for participation in Aitkin High School extracurricular activities:

II. ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

1. Academic eligibility will be checked every two weeks by the Activities Director. Students who have a failing grade will be placed on academic probation for two weeks. Students are eligible to participate and compete in extracurricular events while on academic probation.
2. If at the end of the two week academic probation period students have a failing grade in any subject, they will then become ineligible until they are passing in all classes. Note that students are able to participate in practice while they are academically ineligible.
3. Students will remain academically ineligible until they have passing grades in all subjects.
4. If students receive a failing grade at the end of a quarter/semester, they will be ineligible for the first two weeks or first two competitive events (whichever is longer) of the next quarter/semester. If after that time, they have passing grades in all subjects, they become academically eligible.

Ineligibility will carry over from spring quarter/semester to the following fall. If students receive a failing grade at the end of spring quarter/semester, they will be ineligible for the first two weeks or first two competitive events (whichever is longer) of the fall season. After that time, they will be placed on academic probation until the first grade check of the school year is completed. If the student has a failing grade in any subject, they will then become ineligible until they are passing in all classes.

5. Determination of eligibility will be made on Monday or the first day school is in session following the biweekly grade reports.

It is the instructors' responsibility to ensure that Infinite Campus is up-to-date every two weeks so that the Activities Director can run biweekly grade checks to determine eligibility.

III. ATTENDANCE FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY/ EVENTS

To practice or compete in any extracurricular activity the following apply:

1. A student must be in school a minimum of three full class periods (not including lunch) immediately prior to departure from AHS to participate in events/activities or practices.
2. If a student has an unexcused absence during the day of an extracurricular activity, detention will be assigned, and he/she will not be able to practice or represent the school in any activities that day or night.
3. If a student is suspended, he or she may not participate in any school sponsored activity that day.
4. If a student is absent from school due to medical reasons, he or she must present a healthcare provider's note clearing the student for participation that day. The note must be presented to the activities director before the activity program.
5. This policy applies to all students involved in any extracurricular activity scheduled either during or outside the school day and any school sponsored on-the-job training programs.

IV. HOME SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

Home school participants may be asked to verify attendance and scholastic eligibility equal to what is expected of a public school attendee. The teacher of record would provide that information.

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