## Academic Eligibility

## Policy

 Fall 2023 ReviewFollowing the changes drafted in spring 2023

## Attendance Policy

It is required that participants in extracurricular activities attend a minimum of four full hours of classes with a legal excuse in order to be eligible for participation in a particular activity that day.

This is something that was always in the policy but is now emphasized in the new policy.

## Teacher feedback with the eligibility policy's impact on attendance. ( $\mathbf{1}$ = zero impact; 5 = significant impact)

With the policy, we reemphasized the rule that students must be in school for a minimum of four hours. What impact has this had on student-athlete attendance?
13 responses



## STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY

In order to participate in any extracurricular activities the student must follow the guidelines set out by the school. All students who participate in an extracurricular activity will have their academic progress monitored. Students eligibility status will be determined by the student's progress or quarter grades at the $5,10,15,20,25,30$, and 35 week marks.

Our standards are as follows:

1. A student failing 1 class must attend Study Table everyday.
a. A student who is failing one class may participate in practices, games, and events as long as they are attending the study table every day after school.
2. A student failing 2 or more classes must attend Study Table everyday.
a. A student who is failing 2 or more classes may NOT participate in games, and/or other school events such as the musical and concerts.


## Tracking Student Grades

- Collaboration occurs with the high school's guidance office. A weekly report (including all of our student athletes/extracurricular participants) is analyzed.
- The Assistant Principal for Athletics and Community Programs meets with each student who is failing one class. If they are failing more than two classes, parents are also contacted via telephone.



## Teacher feedback with the eligibility policy's impact on academics. ( $\mathbf{1}$ = zero impact; 5 = significant impact)

Also with the policy, we started to emphasize that student athletes are students first. Please rate the students' awareness of their grades and effort ... into the classroom this year compared to last year 13 responses



## Statistics Pre-Eligibility Policy

| Winter Rosters Statistics As of January 1st |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Middle Schools Students Failing at Least 1 Class |  |  | High School Students Failing at Least 1 Class |  |  |
| 12 |  |  | 16 |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Passing } \\ \text { All } \\ \text { Classes } \end{gathered}$ | Failing 1 Class | Failing 2 Classes | Failing 3 Classes | Failing 4 Classes | Failing 5 Classes |
| 123 | 3 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Percent that would be ineligible under the draft policy |  |  |  |  |  |
| Failing 1 (Probation) |  |  | .02\% |  |  |
| Failing 2 or More |  |  | . $17 \%$ |  |  |
| Percent Failing 1 or more |  |  | 19\% |  |  |

## Initial statistics post-eligibility policy adoption and enforcement

Student failing 2 or more classes is down 14 percent compared to the last time we did a report like this in January

Student Athletes who are passing everything is up almost 9 percent

|  | High School Athletes | Middle School Athletes |
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| Number of Athletes | 176 | 58 |
| Number failing 2 or more | 1 | 6 |
| Percent failing 2 or more | 0.56\% | 10.3\% |
| Number failing 1 | 8 | 9 |
| Percent failing 1 or more | 4.54\% | 15.5\% |
| Total Passing Everything | 167 | 43 |
| Rercent passing everything | 94.8\% | 74.1\% |
|  | Entire Student Body |  |
| Number of Athletes | 234 |  |
| Number failing 2 or more | 7 |  |
| Percent failing 2 or more | 3\% |  |
| Number failing 1 | 17 |  |
| Percent failing 1 or more | 7.3\% |  |
| Total Passing Everything | 210 |  |
| Percent passing everything | 89.7\% |  |

## Year-to-Year Summary

## Year

## \% Failing one \% Passing all or more class classes

Last Year

19\%
81\%

This Year
10\%
90\% (so far.....)

## Interventions to Support Students: Study Table

Academic Study Period (Study Table)- Students who are deemed ineligible must report to their school's designated room everyday. Students will receive a signature for going to the study table each day. The student must present their form with the signature to their coach/advisor in order to participate that day.

1. High School Study Table
a. AM Study table (7:15-7:45) will be offered to students who attend BOCES in the afternoon
b. PM Study Table will be in the library after school
2. Middle School Study Table
a. Study Table will be after school.


## Study Table Attendance Verification Sheet



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## Becoming Eligible

How to become eligible again- A student must have stayed after every day for a mandatory study table (unless excused) and must be passing the class or classes they were failing. Once a student raises their grade to passing they must have the Eligibility form completed and signed by all parties involved.

## Teacher comments to the prompt: "Please feel to elaborate on the impact

 or lack of that the policy has had."I have had several students state that it is important to them to keep up on their grades because they do not want it to negatively impact extra-curricular activities.

For us, having the attendance policy has cut down on kids missing- absences affect their grade more than anything. The athletes who have missed have been good about asking about makeups and being aware of when they are offered.

At first (during the first five weeks of the year) I got the impression that most student athletes were not really aware of the impact that the policy could have. It seemed similar to last year, where they did not view any tangible repercussions for not doing well in their academics. Now that the policy has taken effect, I have seen students impacted by it be more proactive in their work and being self-aware of where their grades stand. They have been asking what they can do to get their grades up and wondering when things will be graded.


Mr. Puinno's beautiful daughter makes it into the presentation even when he is not present!

