

Purpose

It is our belief that co-curricular involvement is an integral part of a student's total educational program, as it forms a connection between the student and the school community and nurtures each student's special interests and abilities. However, the commitment required for participation in many activities could, in some cases, prove detrimental to the academic goals and achievements of some students. Therefore, an academic eligibility policy has been developed to ensure students' academic success in order to participate in co-curricular activities.

Athletics

Co-curricular participation is defined as involvement in any non-credit bearing, school sponsored organization or activity that occurs over a period of time. This policy includes any student-athlete who is participating at any level of open gym, off season, intramurals or interscholastic sports for the Mechanicville City School District. A student may try-out for an activity at any-time however, he/she must follow the policy as it applies after the try-out period. It is a privilege to be part of a school sponsored team.

Initial Eligibility

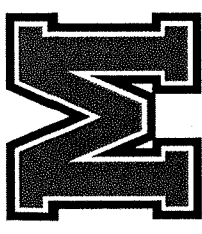
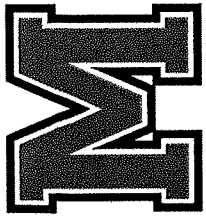
Initial Eligibility will be based on the student standing at the commencement of the previous school year.

The initial eligibility will begin at the commencement of the previous school year for all athletic programs. If a student-athlete was failing 2 or more classes at the end of the school year the student-athlete will: 1). Prior to school starting the student-athlete will be able to participate in all phases of the sport. 2). On day one of classes the start of the recovery plan will be provided to the disciplines that the student-athlete was failing at commencement and will be monitored weekly. Starting week **3** of classes the student will be placed on academic probation.

PLEASE see below.

Definition of an Academic Probation Student-Athlete

A student failing two or more classes is placed on **academic probation** and may continue to participate in all activities except games at this time weekly. The Assistant Athletic Director will provide the student with the necessary paperwork to begin this period. The student-athlete will be monitored by the coach weekly over the next five-week period and reported back to the Assistant Athletic Director. The student-athlete must follow the remediation plan to be eligible to participate in practices, meetings, performances or games. **The student-athlete will sit the next available contest until** the student-athlete has demonstrated the required level of good standing in each class. This same procedure will be used throughout the five week period. The weekly sheet will be signed by the player and the coach and returned to the Athletic Director prior to each game. If at any time the student-athlete has failed to meet these terms the student-athlete will then become **academically ineligible**.



Definition of an *academically Ineligible Student*

1. If a student is placed on **academic ineligibility** the following will occur
 - A student declared **Ineligible** may not practice or attend meetings with his/her team during the next **full week** of the eligibility calendar. (this time should be used to get eligible by making up work, tests, etc and raising grade point average)
 - The student must follow the remediation plan to be eligible to participate in practices, meetings, performances or games at the end of the period. Checkpoints will be made at the end of the week **until the five week period has ended**).
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1. A student will **regain his/her status as eligible** when their recovery sheet indicates that he/she has met the recovery plans at the end of the week. **If at any time the recovery plan is not being met the student-athlete goes back to ineligible.**

REMEDIATION PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS

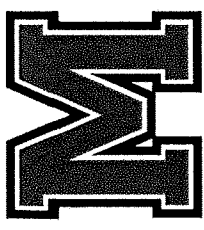
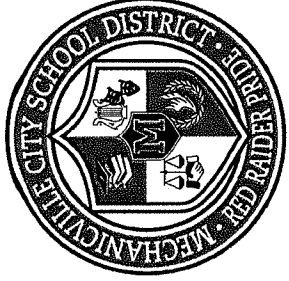
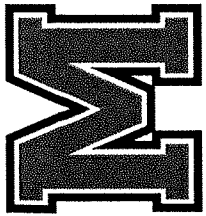
1. The Recovery Sheet will be picked up by the student-athlete from the Assistant Athletic Director
2. The student-athlete will need to complete the sheet with the required staff weekly.
3. The student-athlete will sit the next available contest until the recovery plan is met with satisfactory results.

Eligibility Calendar - Each year a calendar will be created to establish the eligibility time frame.

This will be determined by the school calendar for semester progress reports and report cards.

Absence Due to Illness

- A student shall not be permitted to participate/attend a practice, competition, rehearsal, club meeting or event on a school day when he/she misses school due to illness.
- A student shall not be permitted to participate but may attend a practice, competition, rehearsal, club meeting or event on a school day when he/she is sent home ill via the Health Office.
- All situations will be handled individually and any additional decisions will be made by the principal of the Mechanicville City School District, Mr. Michael Mitchell.



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Weekly Recovery Sheet/Report to Parents/Guardians//Coach/Assistant Athletic Director/Principal

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Teacher/subject: _____

Please record number/letter:

effort _____ homework _____ behavior _____ progress _____

EFFORT/HOMEWORK: 1-Above Average 2-Average 3-below average 4-unsatisfactory

BEHAVIOR: S-Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

PROGRESS: P-Passing I-Improving F-Failing

(Teacher signature)

(Student/Athlete signature)

(Parent(s)/Guardian(s) signature)

To meet the requirements of the recovery sheet for the week, the student/athlete must receive a 1 or 2 for effort and homework and an S for behavior. If the student/athlete has not met the requirements above he/she will sit the next available contest and the procedure continues per the academic eligibility policy.