

# **Eligibility**

## **Academic Requirements**

To participate in interscholastic athletic activities, students in grades 9-12 must achieve an overall passing average in addition to the following academic eligibility. To be eligible in the first semester, a student must pass a minimum of five Carnegie units applicable toward a high school diploma during the previous year. At least two units must have been passed during the second semester or summer school. Students must satisfy eligibility requirements in the semester preceding participation.

Credits earned in a summer school approved by the State Department of Education may apply for first semester eligibility. A maximum of two units per year may be used.

### **Travel to Athletic Events**

The school provides transportation to and from games.

All teams will be accompanied by a school employed coach or sponsor.

All students are to travel with the team, unless circumstances require a student to be transported by a student's parent. A student must not ride with anyone other than his or her parent.

## **Participation**

Students will not be permitted to participate in more than one sport during the same season when there are conflicts with practice and/or game schedules. An athlete who quits or is removed from a team will not be eligible to participate in another sport until the end of the regular season of that sport and will not be eligible for a letter or other awards.

Coaches have the responsibility for the discipline of the team. The following guidelines must be followed consistently:

A student suspended from school is also suspended from all athletic contests and practices during the period of the suspension.

Any student absent on the day of an athletic contest will not be eligible to participate in a practice or contest that day. A student must attend at least 50% of all classes assigned in order to participate that day. Students missing school for school-sponsored trips or activities will not be prohibited from participation. All athletes must be in school and on time the day following athletic participation.

Unexcused absences from practice will result in suspension from contest and/or dismissal from the team. The Athletic Department recognizes three valid excuses for missing practice: illness or injury, physician's appointments, or death in family.

Fighting is not permitted. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Abusive language and profanity will not be permitted. Proper conduct will be followed in dealing with teammates, opposing players, and fans.

Theft by a student will result in dismissal from the team as well as appropriate legal or other action.

Use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco is strictly forbidden.

Do not wear jewelry during athletic practices or contests. Do not bring jewelry to be left in lockers during practices and games.

All athletes are responsible for equipment and uniforms that are issued to them.

## **Insurance**

All participants of high school athletic programs are required to purchase athletic insurance through the school. Students will not be allowed to either practice or become a member of the team without this coverage. Because this policy is mandatory, it covers only injuries received during practice for or participation in a high school sport.

This required policy should not be confused with the school time/24-hour plan, which is optional and covers all school time injuries including all athletic injuries except football. Athletic insurance is mandatory while the school time/24-hour plan is optional