

5205 Eligibility for Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities

The South Huntington School District considers the well-being and success of its students as its highest priority, providing avenues of success and support. The extracurricular program is a valuable extension of the academic program. At all grade levels, South Huntington encourages its students to participate in extracurricular activities because it believes that these activities and participation in them contribute to each student's education by:

- A. promoting good citizenship and moral character;
- B. developing discipline and skills necessary to personal success and well-being;
- C. promoting the image and identity of the school and community.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege to those students who continue to show favorable academic standing and good school citizenship. Students who struggle academically are provided the tools necessary for support and are expected to seek additional assistance while examining levels of participation in extracurricular activities. An objective of this policy is to ensure that student participation in extracurricular activities does not compromise academic achievement.

This policy applies to all members of all extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, clubs, plays and sports (both intramural and interscholastic).

Any change in academic or citizenship/behavioral status will be verbally communicated to the parent by the activity advisor or coach as well as in writing.

Procedure for Determining Eligibility

Academic Eligibility

A student's academic status will be determined after review of the most recent interim evaluation or report card. A student will be placed on academic probation if they are failing two (2) subjects. Students that have already been placed on academic probation would shift their designation, depending upon any failures that are seen during a 5-week period. Please see the progression of eligibility status below:

- Two (2) or more failures at the 5 week 'Academic Check' period- PROBATION
- Two (2) or more failures on PROBATION at the 'Report Card'- INELIGIBLE
- Two (2) or more failures on INELIGIBLE at the 5 week 'Academic Check' period- DISQUALIFIED

Definition of Eligibility terms:

Probation- Fully able to participate

Ineligible- Can practice, however cannot play in games/matches

Disqualified- Removed from the team

The prior year's fourth quarter grades will determine academic eligibility for the beginning of the school year in August/September. Successful summer school completion for any failures will remove the failing grade. When a student is placed on academic probation, they are encouraged to attend a regularly scheduled school provided extra help.

The student's probationary status will be reviewed at the next 5 week report period. If the student is passing all subjects, they will be removed from academic probation.

Citizenship/Behavioral Eligibility

Students determined to have exhibited inappropriate behavior as determined by building administration resulting in in-school suspension/out-of-school suspension will be ineligible to participate in activity for the duration of their suspension. Ineligibility for behavioral reasons is defined as non-participation on any level (practice, games, manage, rehearsal, trip, performance, etc.). Consequences will be evenly applied to all students and will be consistent with the consequences faced by the student for academic activities.

- If a student is suspended from school, the student is ineligible for that period of time. The coach of each program has the right based on team rules to suspend the athlete longer.
- 5-day+ suspensions: The student and parent/guardian may be required to meet with the Athletic Director and/or their appointee. Additional consequences, including dismissal from the program, may be implemented.

Appeals

All appeals to any action taken must be made in writing to the Principal and the Athletic Director no later than 48 hours after written notification of the eligibility decision.

Home School, Private School, and Charter School Students

Students instructed at home, privately, or in charter school are not eligible to participate in interscholastic sports. Commissioner's regulations mandate that only students enrolled in the public school are allowed to participate in interscholastic sports. Further, the District does not permit home-instructed, private-instructed, or charter school students to participate in any extracurricular activities.

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NOTE: Refer also to policies: #7110 Attendance
#7310 Code of Conduct

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