

## Students

### Eligibility for High School Athletics

#### ATHLETICS

1. A student who has an out-of-district transfer from one Stamford public high school to another shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of 365 days commencing upon the date of registration at the high school to which the student transfers.
2. Students in the freshman class must be enrolled in at least five courses to be eligible for a fall sport.
3. To participate in any sport a student must:
  - a) take at least five courses, and
  - b) pass four of these courses in the marking period previous to and during the sport, and
  - c) attain a 2.3 average in the marking period previous to and during the sport.
4. Final quarter's marks in a given year and not the final year's grade shall determine eligibility for the fall season, unless the student has successfully met the eligibility requirements by attending summer school. If a student has at least 2.3 GPA for the year and not for the final quarter, the student will be deemed eligible only through the appeal process as per section 6 (e) below.
5. Students who receive more than one out-of-school suspension in a school year will be ineligible to participate in any sport for the remainder of that school year.
6. Students who have more than four absences in the marking period previous to or during the sport will not be eligible for appeal, with the exception of Exempt Absences per Attendance/High School Policy 5113A-R. Exempt Absences are considered excused absences and should not affect participation in sports.
7. Each school principal or his/her designee shall determine eligibility prior to the start of each season's athletics. If a student becomes ineligible for an academic reason, the student shall have the right to appeal the decision. The appeal process shall be as follows:
  - a) The appeal shall be submitted to the principal by the student or the athletic director on behalf of the student.

- b) Students must have a minimum of a 1.0 GPA in the previous marking period to be eligible for an appeal to participate in a sport if they are not in compliance with 3 (c) as previously stated.
- c) The principal and/or designee shall consider the appeal. Appropriate education personnel shall meet with the student, and communicate, in writing, the conditions of the appeal to the parent or guardian within 24 hours of the appeal. This academic support plan will need to be signed off by the Principal, Athletic Director, Coach, Guidance Counselor, student and parent/guardian in order to be considered in effect and granted. There are two levels of appeal that the student may be granted:

Level 1 appeal: may be granted for only one quarter and only once per school year. A Level 1 appeal cannot be granted for two consecutive quarters or seasons and requires the student to obtain a GPA of 1.7 or higher. If this expectation is not met, the student will be deemed ineligible until such time as the student achieves a GPA of 1.7 or higher.

Level 2 appeal: is for students with a GPA between 1.7 and 2.3. Those students will remain with an academic support plan until such time as their GPA is 2.3 or higher.

- d) The decision of the principal is final.
  - e) If an appeal is granted, the academic support plan will specify the terms of the appeal and will be in effect for the remainder of the athletic season. The principal or his/her designee shall monitor the student's progress regularly in the areas specified in the support plan which includes but is not be limited to: attendance, behavior, academics, and participation by the student in afterschool study hall and tutoring.
8. Board Policy 5118-R will be applied to all athletics.
  9. These requirements are subject to review and modification by a Planning and Placement Team in situations involving students with disabilities.
  10. Eligibility standards of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference shall apply whenever they are stricter than the requirements set out above.

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