

## INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

The Board recognizes the value of interscholastic extracurricular activities for students in grades 7-12 as an integral part of the total school experience. Since participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, students are expected to demonstrate competence in the classroom as a condition of participation.

Interscholastic extracurricular activities are defined as school-sponsored student activities involving more than one school or school district.

The Board permits students in grades 9 through 12 to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities if they receive a failing grade in the previous grading period.

As a condition for the privilege of participating in interscholastic extracurricular activities, a student must have attained a minimum grade-point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.

In addition, students participating in any program regulated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association must also comply with all eligibility requirements established by the Association. In order to be eligible, a high school student must have passed a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent, that count toward graduation, in the immediately preceding grading period. The five courses may be a combination of high school and college courses.

A student enrolled in the first grading period of the ninth grade after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five of all subjects carried the immediately preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled in the eighth grade.

A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, the student in grade seven or eight must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period, and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades.

Failure to comply with the grading period eligibility requirements results in extracurricular interscholastic ineligibility for the succeeding grading period.

If a student received home instruction in the grading period preceding participation, the student must meet any academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for the continuation of home instruction to be eligible to participate in the program.

If a student did not receive home instruction in the grading period preceding participation, the student's academic performance during the preceding grading period must have met any academic standards established by the District for eligibility to participate in the program.

Any student who commences home instruction after the beginning of the school year and at that time was considered ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for failure to meet academic requirements or any other requirements will be ineligible to participate in the same semester the student was deemed ineligible.

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CROSS REFS.: IGD, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities  
IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics  
JECBA, Admission of Exchange Students  
JECBC, Admission of Students from Non-Chartered or Home Schooling  
JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)  
Student Handbooks