

## **Academic Probation/Suspension**

Students participating in Interscholastic Athletics must understand that academic achievement is more important than athletic achievement. With this in mind, the Athletic and Guidance departments have set forth guidelines to aid in ensuring each student athlete's academic stability during his/ her sports season.

At the beginning of each athletic season, grades from the previous marking period will be reviewed for all team members and managers. Academic eligibility will be evaluated throughout the season using interim reports, report cards and specific contacts from teachers. For fall sports, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be evaluated according to the fourth quarter of the previous academic year. If it is determined that a student athlete is in danger of failing (D average or below) or has failed, that student may be put on Academic Probation or Academic Suspension. Students will remain on Academic Probation or Academic Suspension until the next interim or reporting period.

The purpose of this program is to provide the student with an opportunity to be proactive regarding his/her grade. Academics take priority over participation in athletics; therefore, the student athlete must learn to balance his/her academic commitments while participating on an athletic team. The Middle School reserves the right to review a student's recent progress as well as past performance when determining athletic eligibility.

### **Academic Probation**

If a student is in danger of failing (D or below), he/she will be placed on Academic Probation. When a student is placed on Academic Probation, he/she may still participate in practices and interscholastic contests while adhering to the guidelines listed below.

### **Academic Suspension**

If a student has failed more than one full-year class in the previous marking period or has made no satisfactory progress while on academic probation he/she will be placed on Academic Suspension. When a student is placed on Academic Suspension he/she is not eligible to participate in interscholastic contests. However, to provide the student with some incentive to improve academic standing, they may participate using the same guidelines as Academic Probation with the noted exceptions:

### **Academic Probation Guidelines**

- Student must stay after school to receive help for the subject(s) in question or attend Homework Club.
- Students may attend practices and home games at 3:15pm and must present his or her coach with a pass from the teacher with whom they were seeking help.
- In the case of an away contest, the student will be permitted to skip after school assistance but should check in with that teacher during the school day to keep them informed.

Students on Academic Probation must raise the grade in question to C level or above by the next reporting period (interim or report card) in order to be removed from the program.

### **Additional Guidelines for Academic Suspension**

- Student on Academic Suspension may not participate in any interscholastic contests.
- Student on Academic Suspension may not travel to away contests, however he/she may attend home games following an after school help session.

Students on Academic Suspension must raise the grade in question to C level or above by the next reporting period (interim or report card) in order to be removed from the program. If a student raises the grades in question to a D level by the next reporting period, he/she will be removed from Academic Suspension and placed on Academic Probation. In this case, the rules of Academic Probation will apply.