SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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122.1a Athletic/Interscholastic Eligibility Requirements (Copy)

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Purpose

The Board recognizes the value of participation in athletic/interscholastic activities by students attending the Spring Grove Area Schools. However, the Board believes that certain minimum academic standards need to be maintained in order for a student to remain eligible for participation in these activities.

Definition

Eligibility requirements will pertain to all athletic activities and any interscholastic activity which regularly meets beyond the school day outside the classroom and for which the student does not receive academic credit.

Authority

In order to be eligible to participate in athletic/interscholastic activities, a student must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full-time curriculum. Where required, this curriculum or its equivalent must be approved by and conform to the regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code, as well as any local policies established by the School Board. The pupil must maintain an acceptable grade

in such approved curriculum, as certified by the principal. Eligibility will be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period. All athletic/interscholastic activities will be monitored weekly.

In order to be eligible for athletic/interscholastic participation, a student must have passed at least four (4) full credit subjects or the equivalent during the previous grading period.

In cases where a student's work does not meet the standards provided for in this policy, said student will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests or any performances. This ineligibility will continue as designated by P.I.A.A. regulations. During this time, said student will practice. Eligibility will be restored during this time period if the standards provided for in this policy are met.

In cases where a student's work continues not to meet the standards provided for in this policy, said student will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests or any performances and will not practice for the time period designated by P.I.A.A. regulations. Following this time period, eligibility will be restored if the standards provided for in this policy are met.

In cases where a student's work in any preceding grading period does not meet the standards provided for in this policy, said student will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests or any performances and will not practice for a time period designated by P.I.A.A. regulations. After this time period, eligibility will be reinstated when the standards set forth have been met.

In cases where a student's work at the end of the year, using final grades, does not meet the standards provided for in this policy, said student will be ineligible to practice or compete for a time period designated by P.I.A.A. regulations.

Guidelines

Weekly Academic Eligibility

Eligibility for interscholastic participation requires a student to maintain at least a sixty-five percent (65%) average or higher in four (4) full-credit subjects or the equivalent.

Eligibility will be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period and will be reported on a weekly basis. In cases where a student's work does not meet the standards provided for in this statement as of any Friday during a grading period, the student will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities. The student will be ineligible from the immediate following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday. During this time, said student may practice.

In cases where a student's work does not meet the standards provided for in this statement after two (2) consecutive Fridays during a grading period, said student will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities and may not practice for the next fifteen (15) school days beginning with the first school day immediately following the second consecutive Friday during the grading period where the eligibility standards provided were not met. Following this fifteen (15) school-day period eligibility may be restored if the standards provided for in this statement are met.

End of Marking Period/End of School Year

In cases where a student's work in any preceding grading period does not meet the standards provided for in this statement, the student will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities and may not practice for fifteen (15) school days beginning on the first day report cards are issued. After the 15th school day, eligibility will be reinstated when the standards set forth have been met. Note that eligibility for the next school year is based on final average (not 4th quarter). If the standards are not met, the student is ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities and may not practice through the 15th school day of the next school year. Students whose work does not meet the standards provided who attend summer school and correct their deficiencies, will be eligible.

Attendance

A student must be in attendance at school a minimum of a half ~~by 9:00 am on a~~ regular school day or when the start of the school day is delayed by one (1) hour in order to practice or participate in an interscholastic event that evening. If the start of the school day is delayed by more than one (1) hour, the student must report on time in order to practice or participate in an interscholastic event that evening. Arriving after the allowable time on a Friday will exclude the student from participation in any weekend events along with that Friday. Prior administrative approval or a doctor’s excuse will be the only exceptions to the preceding statements.

If a student's absences total twenty (20) or more days in a semester, a student would lose their eligibility until they have attended forty-five (45) days of school. This period of ineligibility starts the first school day after the 20th day.

A student will not be permitted to participate in an interscholastic activity during a season or marking period after s/he receives more than three (3) ~~two (2)~~ unexcused or unlawful absences. ~~A student will be excluded from participation in the next scheduled activity, practice, performance, or competition after three (3) times tardy to school. In those situations where a student participates in more than one (1) activity, s/he will be excluded from participation in the first occurring activity, practice, performance or competition. If a student should be tardy to school a fourth time, s/he will be ineligible for participation for the remainder of the season or marking period, whichever comes first, and will be immediately removed from participation in all interscholastic activities for the season or marking period, whichever comes first. The building administration will have the final say in the removal of a student from participation in extracurricular activities.~~

A student may not participate in any interscholastic activity on a day or evening in which s/he has been absent from school.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent delegates responsibility for the development of procedures, for the administration of these procedures, and for the implementation of this policy to the Student Athletic Coordinator, middle school and senior high principals.