

AIA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS

Students are responsible for meeting the following eligibility requirements **before** practicing in any sport. Failure to meet eligibility requirements may result in student, team, or school forfeiture, disqualification, or disciplinary action as determined by the High School and/or the A.I.A.

_____ **1. GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION:** Guardians consent is required before a student can be eligible to practice or compete in interscholastic competition.

_____ **2. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM:** Guardians are to complete and sign the Student Health History and annual Health Questionnaire portions of the physical exam forms. The examining medical provider is to complete and sign the physical examination summary form. **No student will be permitted to practice or participate in an interscholastic athletic contest without having a physical examination and approval by a Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy.**

_____ **3. BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT:** Students who have **not** previously presented a birth certificate or Passport to the Athletic Office for recording must do so. A birth certificate/passport must be on file in the Athletic Office before a student is eligible for participation in an athletic contest. If a student becomes 19 years old before September 1, he/she is **not** eligible for any part of that school year.

_____ **4. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:** Students who receive an "F" at the end of the six (6) week, (12) week, or semester grading period shall remain ineligible until the requirements of eligibility are met. Students who are **ineligible** will not be able to compete for a minimum of one (1) full calendar week, Monday through Sunday. Following the mandatory week of ineligibility, a student would immediately become eligible when a grade check is turned in showing that a previous failing grade is now a passing grade for the semester. It will be the student's responsibility to have the teacher sign the grade check form when he/she becomes eligible to turn it in.

_____ **5. ATHLETIC CLEARANCE CARD:** The Athletic Department Secretary shall issue an Athletic Clearance Card to the student when all clearance requirements have been verified and recorded. Until the **ATHLETIC CLEARANCE CARD** is complete and **signed by the secretary** and is presented to the coach, **No equipment of any kind shall be issued to the student nor shall he/she be permitted to practice or participate in interscholastic athletics.**

_____ **6. COMPETITION ON A SCHOOL TEAM:** A student who is a member of a school team cannot practice or compete for or with another club, group, organization, association, etc., in that same sport during the interscholastic season of competition of that sport as defined in the A.I.A. bylaws. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season. (Contact the Athletic Director for exceptions to this rule).

_____ **7. TRANSFER RULE.** Students who transfer schools may lose eligibility or partial eligibility in sports in which they have competed in the past 12 months. The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) governs student athlete eligibility. Please consult the AIA bylaws at <http://aiaonline.org/> or speak with your school's athletic department if you have questions about transfer rules.