

ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS



In order to maintain athletic eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics, the student must:

1. Have passed 5/7 (LIFT exempt) classes during the previous semester grading period (post-season play included).
2. Have a current passing rate of 6/7 classes (LIFT exempt)
3. Grade checks are conducted by the Athletic director on a weekly basis (Wednesday). Student athletes will be contacted by their coaches if they find themselves in violation of the academic policy. It is the Student athletes duty to rectify any failing grades and notify the athletic director of the change.
4. Athletic Eligibility retention forms can be found at the Athletic Directors desk.
5. The academic eligibility scale looks as follows, West Michigan Aviation operates on a 4 point scale with letter grades A(100-90),B(89-80),C(79-70),F (<69.9).

The table below shows violations and penalties of the athlete academic standards.

| Grade Check Shows | Communication after Grade Check | Eligibility |
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| 1 Failing Grade | AD-Coach-Athlete, Athlete tells AD when Grade is resolved | Allowed to practice and play. "Probationary period" |
| 1 Failing Grade for consecutive weeks | AD-Coach-Athlete, Athlete tells AD when Grade is resolved | Practice time becomes study hall. Allowed to play in games, coach discretion |
| Multiple failing Grades | AD-Coach/Parents/Athlete, Athlete meets with AD to discuss plan to regain eligibility | Ineligible to practice/compete. Practice is study hall, games are professional dress on the bench. |

PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO MEET ACADEMIC STANDARDS

1. If there is one failing grade on a grade check that athlete will be on academic probation and have one week to correct that grade. If that grade is not corrected in consecutive grade checks that athlete is ineligible for competition until the grade is corrected.
2. If there are two or more failing grades during a grade check, that athlete is ineligible for practices and games until all grades are corrected. Athletes must meet with the Athletic Director upon having corrected their grade to regain eligibility.

Academic Suspension

Any athlete placed on academic suspension may not participate in practices and/or contests. If an athlete has corrected a failing grade prior to the next grade check it is their responsibility to inform the Athletic Director of their situation to regain their eligibility. If any athlete does not meet the MHSAA academic standards passing 2 out of 7 classes, they will be suspended from the team until a corrective course of action is determined.