

# Co-Curricular Program Eligibility

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### Activities governed by eligibility are:

1. Forensics
2. Drama (1-Act, All School Play)
3. Musical
4. Athletics
5. All Music Groups
6. Dance Team
7. Cheerleaders

### Academic Eligibility - High School

Students participating in the co-curricular programs are responsible for maintaining scholastic eligibility. Students in all co-curricular activities must take a minimum of six courses each semester. Eligibility is computed each nine-week grading period. In order to maintain scholastic eligibility, a student taking six academic courses must receive a minimum of five passing marks. If a student has one failing mark, he/she must have a “C” or above in one of the remaining five courses. If a student receives two failing marks, he/she will be ruled ineligible. Incompletes are considered failing marks until all work is completed and a grade has been issued.

A student declared scholastically ineligible may regain probationary eligibility after a period of 15 school days and is doing passing work in all classes. The student must have each teacher fill out the “Student Weekly Eligibility Report”, which can be obtained in the school office, and turn it in each school week for the remainder of the nine week grading period.

During the 15 school days of the ineligibility period, he/she may practice but is not allowed to participate in any extra-curricular game or activity. During all succeeding weeks, he/she can participate in all games and activities provided ALL grades received are passing and the form has been returned to the office.

Eligibility is determined by the 1st and 3rd nine-week progress grades and the 1st and 2nd semester grades. INELIGIBILITY may be made up during the summer. Students ineligible at the end of the 2nd semester grading period will follow the procedure outlined above for the first nine weeks of the following school year.

### Academic Eligibility - Middle School

- **8th Grade Students - Fall Activities** - 8th Grade Eligibility for Fall Activities will be based on a student’s 4th quarter grades of 7th grade. Students with 1 or more F’s will be ineligible for competition for 10 calendar days or a minimum of 1 contest/event. After 10 days or 1 contest/event the student will be reinstated. They will also have to complete the 14 day report to maintain their eligibility.
- **8th Grade Students - 14 day report** - (Calendar days from the 1st day of school) - 8th grade students who are ineligible at the start of Fall Activities will be given a grade report sheet on the Monday of the week of the 14th day. Students must return the completed grade report sheet to their coach by that Friday. If the student has 1 or more F’s they will again be ineligible for 10

calendar days or a minimum of 1 competition/event. \*Failure to return a grade report sheet would result in the student-athlete being ineligible for 10 calendar days or a minimum of 1 competition/event.

- **Incoming 7th Graders - Fall Activities** - Incoming 7th graders participating in Fall Activities will be afforded initial academic eligibility. Eligibility will be evaluated when 1st quarter grades are submitted.
- **All Students - Winter/Spring Activities** - Based on the most recent grade report, quarter or semester: 1 or more F's will result in a 10-day ineligible period (minimum of 1 competition/event). After 10 days a grade report sheet will be submitted to their coach/advisor. All classes must be passing to regain eligibility.
- **Regaining Eligibility** - Any student serving an Academic Suspension must turn in a grade report sheet signed by all of their teachers attesting that the student is doing passing work.

#### Tuition Student Participation in Interscholastic Athletics

Tuition paying students who are paying their own tuition to attend Waunakee Community School District and are residing full-time with their parents in their primary residence are eligible to participate on interscholastic athletic teams in the school in which they are paying tuition to attend.

#### Attendance Requirement

The district requires students participating in or attending the co-curricular program to be in attendance at school on the days that specific activities will be practicing or participating in a concert, game, etc. A Middle School student must be in attendance at school by 11:55a.m. on a day in which he/she participates in an after school activity. A High School student must be in attendance at school by 11:55 a.m. on a day in which he/she participates in an after school activity. If a participant cannot be in school for reasons other than illness, the absence must be pre-planned and pre-approved by the principal, activities director, or assistant principal for the student to practice or participate that day.

#### Foreign Exchange Student Participation in Interscholastic Athletics

All foreign exchange students must apply for admission to Waunakee Community High School. Applications for admittance must be received by July 15<sup>th</sup> if the applications are to be considered for the start of the fall semester of the upcoming year. All applications must be from exchange programs approved by the Board of Education and that have received a "Full" listing status by the Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSIET). The individual applicants are subject to acceptance or rejection as determined by the high school principal. Subsequent to approval for attendance the district will waive, for one year, upon request, the residence requirement for eligibility and participation in interscholastic athletic competition.

#### Resident Students Participating in Home-based Educational Programs

Students who resides in the school district and are enrolled in a home-based private educational programs may participate in interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular programs on the same basis and to the same extent that it permits pupils enrolled in the school district to participate.

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