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ATHLETICS / CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY

The Timberlane Regional School District strives to offer challenging learning experiences and opportunities which will meet the needs, abilities, and desires of each student.

Committed to the development of a well-rounded student, Timberlane fosters intellectual, emotional, physical, social and civic development. Emphasizing these skills, the District provides a large number and variety of co-curricular activities.

In order to participate in any athletic or co-curricular activities, students in the Timberlane Regional School District must meet the following standards.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities identified by a building committee that meet no more than once per week such as intramural sports and special interest clubs are not subject to eligibility requirements for high school students.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC/Co-Curricular Activities ELIGIBILITY

Students who lose their academic eligibility as defined below while participating in any identified athletic / co-curricular activities in which the activity extends beyond the marking period will not be allowed to continue participating. Students participating in all identified athletic / co-curricular activities who do not meet academic requirements will lose eligibility at the time the report card is issued.

1. A student must pass all courses in the prior marking period in order to be eligible for all identified athletic / co-curricular. Summer courses are not considered when determining eligibility unless they correct a failure from the previous quarter. For the purposes of eligibility incomplete courses are equivalent to a failing grade.
2. Students will not be eligible for all identified athletic / co-curricular activities unless they have earned the following minimum credits (all credits approved by Administration can be used).
 - Beginning of 10th grade = 5 credits
 - Beginning of 11th grade = 10credits
 - Beginning of 12th grade = 15 credits

Students are ineligible to participate, compete, practice, or perform while suspended.

3. On a third or subsequent suspension, a student will remain ineligible until such time an eligibility hearing is conducted and a decision is rendered.

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4. A student’s eligibility may be reviewed and denied at any time for unacceptable behavior, poor academic performance or poor attendance.

Any student who does not meet NHIAA academic eligibility standards is ineligible to participate in athletics.

Any activity for which a grade is given, or which is part of the curriculum of a graded subject is not governed by the eligibility standards i.e., a student is participating in band, orchestra, chorus, drama and performs after school hours. However, while a student is suspended they may not participate in any school activity.

Appeals

1. The Activity Eligibility Committee is a committee of professional staff having the responsibility of hearing cases of appeal for those students deemed ineligible by existing standards, yet can show that there may have been extenuating circumstances that contributed to the ineligibility. The Activity Eligibility Committee will hear evidence of extenuating circumstances which may have contributed to the ineligibility. The Activity Eligibility Committee will consider each case individually and will make a recommendation to the principal for or against the granting of an exception to the eligibility standards. The final authority regarding eligibility rests with the principal.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

In keeping with the Timberlane Regional School District’s recognition that middle level students are at a unique state in development, middle school eligibility standards are differentiated for middle level students. Eligibility requirements apply only to interscholastic athletics and specific organizations such as National Junior Honor Society and Student Council which have academic and behavioral standards as part of their charters except as noted below. Any activity for which a grade is given, or which is part of the curriculum of a graded subject is not governed by the eligibility standards. Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as intramural sports and special interest clubs are not subject to eligibility requirements for middle school students.

1. Any student receiving one or two failing grades on a report card will be ineligible for inter-scholastic sports and other activities governed by eligibility requirements until evidence of raising those grades to passing is provided to the principal. Passing grades must be maintained by the student for the remainder of the quarter. Bi-weekly evidence of such shall be provided to the coach/advisor upon request.
2. Any student receiving more than two failing grades in a quarter is ineligible to participate in inter-scholastic sports and other activities subject to the eligibility

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standards for the following quarter. Students receive a fresh start each year, with all students eligible first quarter.

3. Any student receiving an in or out of school suspension shall be ineligible for all school activities outside the regular school day (including social events and those not otherwise governed by these eligibility standards, except activities directly required for a graded course) for the period of the suspension, including any intervening weekends. Upon receiving a third suspension during the year, the student is ineligible for the interscholastic sports and activities governed by the eligibility standards for the remainder of the school year.
4. An eligibility appeal board made up of professional staff from the middle school has the responsibility of hearing appeals of ineligibility for those students judged ineligible for inter-scholastic sports and other activities by the academic and/or behavioral standards stated above. This board will hear evidence of extenuating circumstances which may have contributed to the ineligibility. The board will consider each case individually and will make a recommendation to the principal for or against the granting of an exception to the eligibility standards. The final authority regarding eligibility rests with the principal.
5. A student's eligibility to participate in any school activity may be reviewed and suspended by the principal at any time for unacceptable behavior and/or poor academic performance.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

In view of the fact that few, if any, guidelines exist at the state or regional level regarding participation in extra-curricular activities, including inter-scholastic athletics at the middle school level, the Timberlane Regional School Board adopts the following policy which shall apply in all cases except those exempted by the Superintendent:

1. Students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 are not eligible to participate in high school extra-curricular activities (clubs, drama, etc.) or to be on high school athletic teams.
2. Students in Grades K-5 are not eligible to participate in middle school extra-curricular activities (clubs, drama, etc.) or to be on middle school athletic teams.
3. Middle school inter-scholastic sports seasons are limited to the maximum number of games allowed by the NHIAA at the high school level. One post-season tournament is allowed beyond this maximum number of games.