

Galion City School District

Bylaws & Policies

2431 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Board of Education recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics for both boys and girls as an integral part of the total school experience to the students of the District and to the community.

For purposes of this policy, the program of interscholastic athletics shall include all activities relating to competitive sport contests, games, events, or sport exhibitions involving individual students or teams of students of this District when such events occur between separate schools within this District or with any schools outside this District.

The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility to be met by all students participating in the interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student be in good physical condition, be free of injury, and have fully recovered from illness before participating in any interscholastic athletic event. In addition to the eligibility requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, to be eligible for any interscholastic extra-curricular activity, students must meet the following requirements:

A. STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES 9-12

1. in the immediately preceding grading period, a student must receive a passing grade in a minimum of four (4) one credit courses or the equivalent, which count toward graduation;
2. all grades must, when combined, be a total grade point average of at least 1.0 on a **five** point **(5.0)** scale;
3. a student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five (5) of all subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled;
4. all grades must, when combined, be a total grade point average of at least 1.0 on a four point (4.0) scale.

B. STUDENTS ENROLLMENT IN GRADES 7-8

1. a student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement;
Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 and 8

must have received passing grades in seventy-five percent (75%) of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

2. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 and 8 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five (5) of those subjects in which the student received grades.

C. PASS/FAIL POLICY

Any student who received a failing grade for any class or course of study for the previous grading period may be eligible to participate in interscholastic extra-curricular activities provided s/he meets all of the requirements of (A) or (B) above.

D. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS POLICY

1. Interscholastic extra-curricular activities means a student activity program that a school or school district sponsors or participates in and that includes participants from more than one (1) school or school district. Interscholastic extra-curricular activity does not include any activity included in the school district's graded course of study.

2. For athletic eligibility purposes, grade point averages shall be calculated using the following scale:

A+, A, A- = 4.0

B+, B, B- = 3.0

C+, C, C- = 2.0

D+, D, D- = 1.0

O = 4.0

S = 2.0

U = 0.0

P = 1

F = 0

3. "Preceding grading period" shall mean the first grading period for the grading period immediately preceding the period of participation.

4. Summer school grades earned may not be used to substitute for failing grades from the preceding grading period of the regular school year (relative to interscholastic athletic eligibility).

No student shall be excused from a class or supervised study for an extended period of time for participation in interscholastic athletics.

The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the Constitution of the Ohio High School Interscholastic Athletic Association and shall review such standards annually to ascertain that they continue to be in conformity with the objectives of this Board.

The Board further directs that only those students may participate in the program of interscholastic athletics who have:

- A. maintained a record of academic proficiency sufficient to ensure that participation in interscholastic athletic activities will not interfere with his/her instructional program;
- B. attended school regularly;
- C. demonstrated good citizenship and responsibility;
- D. returned all school and athletic equipment.

The Superintendent shall annually prepare, approve and present to the Board for its consideration, a program of interscholastic athletics which shall include a complete schedule of events and shall inform the Board of changes in that schedule as they occur, and shall secure Board approval before making any changes in the said schedule.

The Superintendent shall develop appropriate administrative guidelines for the operation of the Athletic Program and a Code of Conduct for those who participate. Such guidelines should provide for the following safeguards:

- A. Prior to enrolling in the sport:
 1. each participant shall submit to a thorough physical examination by a District-approved physician;
 2. parents shall report any past or current health problems along with a physician's statement that any such problems have or are being treated and pose no threat to the student's participation.
- B. Any student who is found to have a health condition which may be life-threatening to self or others shall not be allowed to participate until the situation has been analyzed by a medical review panel that has determined the conditions under which the student may participate. The District shall assume no liability for any student with a health condition who has been authorized to play by the parents and their physician but

not by the District.

- C. Any student who incurs an injury requiring a physician's care is to have a new physical examination by a District-approved physician prior to the student's return to participation.
- D. The Superintendent is also to develop guidelines for ensuring that sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity characterize the manner in which the athletic program is conducted and the actions of students who participate. Such guidelines should include:
 - 1. criteria for judging these important qualities;
 - 2. procedures by which these values will be communicated to students, parents, and supporters;
 - 3. means for monitoring the behavior of each of these groups to ensure their behavior reflects high standards.

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