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Policy Title: ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION AND OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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An extracurricular activity is a school sponsored activity for which no credit is received. A co-curricular activity is one which occurs beyond the school day but is an extension of a credited course. Students who participate in activities which have extracurricular public appearing events are affected by this policy. Students may be declared ineligible for all extracurricular public appearing events when the academic requirements of this policy are not met. Students will remain eligible to participate in co-curricular public appearing events.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for all extracurricular public appearing events, students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) must be passing in all credited subjects at the end of each marking period.

PERIODS OF INELIGIBILITY

There will be an ineligibility period for students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) who fail one or more credited subjects at the end of each marking period. During the period of ineligibility, students may not participate in interscholastic contests, conferences and field trips outside of the school day, or any extracurricular public appearing events. Whenever possible, the final course grades will be used to determine eligibility. If no final grade is issued, the respective marking period grade will be used.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY Students in Grades 9 through 12

- a. At the end of each term, students will be declared ineligible starting the sixth school day following the last day of the term and will remain ineligible for a minimum of four (4) calendar weeks. At any time after four (4) calendar weeks or in weekly intervals thereafter, academically ineligible students may regain their eligibility by verification from instructors in all classes in which they are enrolled that they are earning a passing grade in each class. The verification is to be taken to the appropriate building administrator who will inform the student, the student's parents or guardians, and the appropriate activity sponsors and coaches of the student's immediate reinstatement to an academically eligible status.
- b. Students participating in summer activities who fail one or more classes at the end of the second semester will be ineligible for

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four (4) weeks beginning the sixth weekday following the last day of the second semester.

If the period of ineligibility is to be served during the summer, the student must have joined the team within two weeks of the start of practice and must remain a member of the team for the entire season.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY Students in Grade 7 and 8

At the end of each grading term students in grades seven (7) and eight (8) will be declared ineligible starting the sixth school day following the last day of the term and will remain ineligible for a minimum of one (1) calendar week. At any time after one calendar week, academically ineligible students may regain their eligibility by verification from instructors in all classes in which they are enrolled that they are earning a passing grade in each class. The verification is to be taken to the appropriate building administrator who will inform the student, the student's parents or guardians, and the appropriate activity sponsors and coaches of the student's immediate reinstatement to an academically eligible status.

Upon promotion from 8th grade, students will be immediately eligible for 9th grade activities.

STATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Additionally, to be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition and state sponsored music and speech events, students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) must meet the following state requirements:

- a. have passed a minimum of four (4) credits for the semester. Failure to meet this requirement results in ineligibility for the next semester. The only exception to this is that students are immediately eligible upon first entry into grade nine (9).
- b. have entered grade nine (9) for the first time, must not have had a twentieth birthday and must have participated for less than eight (8) semesters and/or four (4) years since first entry into grade nine (9).
- c. must not have reached their sixteenth birthday while still enrolled in grades seven (7) or eight (8) and must have entered seventh grade.
- d. be enrolled each semester in at least four (4) credits and must not drop below this number of credits.
- e. meet all eligibility requirements of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union and the Iowa Department of Education.

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