

North Shore High School

Guidelines for Eligibility for Sports and Activities*

The North Shore Schools value participation in extra-curricular activities. Students grow personally and academically when they are engaged in the life of the institution. North Shore High School therefore encourages every student to participate in arts, athletics, and other school activities.

While participation is encouraged and valued, academic performance and appropriate, respectful behaviors are key priorities for our students. When a student is in academic jeopardy emphasis must be placed on improving the quality of his or her class work, prompt completion of assignments, and a concerted effort toward improvement. Likewise, when a student is not conducting themselves within the guidelines of the school's code of conduct, similar emphasis must be placed on improving the behaviors of each student who finds themselves receiving disciplinary consequences at school.

Academic Eligibility Policies

1. A student who is failing two or more courses at the end of a quarter, or who is in danger of failing two or more courses at the midpoint of each quarter, will have their academic record reviewed and will be placed on academic probation for the next five week period. Students can make an appointment to sit down with their guidance counselor to develop a plan for academic recovery which may include signing up for study hall or the Academic Support Center. It is the responsibility of the student to make an appointment with their guidance counselor and follow the plan for academic recovery, if one is developed. Participation in extracurricular activities during this time is permitted.
2. At the conclusion of this academic probation period, the academic achievement of the student will be reviewed.

If a student is failing, or in danger of failing, one or no courses at the end of the probationary period, he or she returns to good academic standing.

If a student continues to fail two or more courses, he or she will become ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities for the next five week period. However, students may choose to complete Extracurricular Participation Report each week of their ineligibility period if they wish to earn participatory privileges for extra-curricular activities. Students must have this form filled out and signed by their teachers of the classes which they are currently failing every week of their ineligibility period. Students must also attend all extra help sessions for the classes they are currently failing if they wish to earn participatory privileges. During the ineligibility period the student will meet weekly with the Principal and/or Assistant Principal to review their progress. The student must bring a completed form to the weekly meeting. At the end of the each week, it will be decided by the Principal and / or Assistant Principal if the student has earned participatory privileges for the following week or will remain ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. **It is the student's responsibility to have this form filled out by their teachers and to make an appointment with the Principal and/or Assistant Principal to review their progress.**

During a period of probation or ineligibility a student may be required to:

- Bring a weekly *Extracurricular Participation Report* to the teachers of the classes he or she is currently failing for an update on progress and effort.
- Maintain an attendance record free of unexcused absences
- Complete all homework, projects, and other assignments on time
- Attend all extra help sessions for the classes which they are currently failing.
- Cooperate in class
- Fulfill the agreements made in the plan for academic recovery, if one is developed.

Any student who has an unexcused absence is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities (e.g. athletic practices, games, plays, concerts, rehearsals, sports night, the fashion show, etc.) **on the day in which they appear on the unexcused absence list.** Students with unexcused absences will receive detention or suspension depending on the number of unexcused absences and the circumstances of each individual incident.

Disciplinary Policy/Procedures

Any student who receives a disciplinary consequence of a day of In-School Suspension (ISS) or greater on two separate occasions is placed on discipline probation for participation in extra-curricular activities (including school sports teams, clubs and evening events including, but not limited to, Sports Night, Junior Prom and Senior Prom) for the remainder of the school year. Participation in extracurricular activities when a student is on discipline probation is permitted.

If a student does receive a discipline consequence of a day of ISS or greater while on discipline probation, the student becomes ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for the next five week period.

If a student who is ineligible does not receive a discipline consequence of a day of ISS or greater during their five week ineligibility period, they return discipline probation status. If a student does receive a consequence of a day of ISS or greater while ineligible, the student's five week ineligibility period starts over from the date of their last day of suspension.

Administration reserves the right to place a student on the ineligibility list for major violations of the Code of Conduct or other egregious acts.

***Please read carefully as our policies have changed this year.**