

Interscholastic and Extracurricular Activities including Academic Requirements

Interscholastic and extracurricular activities shall be encouraged in all schools as part of the regular education program. All pupils may have the opportunity to participate without discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, handicap or socioeconomic status; however, the scope of the program(s) shall be limited by the following factors:

1. Number of students;
2. Financial ability of the school to provide the necessary equipment, facilities and personnel;
3. Ability of the school to furnish component instructional leadership;
4. Middle school participation – ALL BRMS activities and athletics are exclusively for the students enrolled in the BRMS and children that are homeschooled but would otherwise attend Bordentown Regional Schools. Students who live in Bordentown, but attend private schools are not eligible to participate in BRMS athletics or extracurricular activities.
5. BRHS extracurricular activities and athletics are exclusively for the students enrolled in the BRHS and children that are homeschooled but would otherwise attend Bordentown Regional Schools. Students who live in Bordentown, but attend private schools are not eligible to participate in BRHS athletics or extracurricular activities.

The following rules will apply with regard to grade 9-12 students' eligibility for interscholastic sports and extracurricular activities. The same failure rule will apply to 6th, 7th & 8th grade students also, but credit status is non-applicable.

All incoming freshmen are eligible automatically for the first marking period. In order to participate in either interscholastic sports or extracurricular activities, a student first must meet the requirements of the NJSIAA which are 13.75 credits passed at the end of each semester and 27.5 credits at the end of each year. A student may correct academic failures by earning a passing grade at an accredited summer school.

Eligibility will be based upon grade averages at the end of the first marking period, from 1st semester grades, third marking period, and final grades. A student can become eligible or ineligible at any time except when participating in interscholastic sports during which the student must meet both the local and state requirements.

1. A student with two (2) or more failures automatically becomes ineligible for participation. Participation ends five (5) school days after the completion of the marking period.
2. If a student has one (1) failure, s/he is placed on academic probation. In order to continue into any other activity, the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The coach or activity advisor, parent, student and counselor must agree and execute a contract, which attests to the support and commitment of all parties to bring up the grades. All parties have the responsibility to monitor progress and provide adequate time for schoolwork completion.
 - b. The coach/advisor or delegated coach/study hall supervisor must provide a

supervised study time for homework completion.

- c. The student on academic probation will remain eligible as long as neither the next progress report, nor the next report card, reflects two (2) or more failures. If two or more failures are present, participation ends with issuance of the report.
- d. A student may become ineligible if s/he enters a “no credit” status in accordance with the High School Attendance Policy. The student remains eligible until all appeals have been exhausted.

Legal References:

NJSA 18A:36-20 Discrimination; prohibited
NJAC 6:4-1.5(f) School and classroom practices
Title IX Educational Amendments of 1972
Section 504 US Rehabilitation Act 1973

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