F107: CO-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

The opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities is a very important component of a complete education program. However, participation in such activities assumes that academic obligations are met. The purpose of this policy is to outline the eligibility requirements to participate in Milton Middle School and Milton High School co-curricular activities.

General Requirements

A. Students in grade 6, grade 9 and those who have transferred from another school shall be eligible for their first quarter.

B. Milton students who are on IEPs or who have independent study plans are subject to the goals of their respective plans, and eligibility is based on those plans.

C. Home study students may participate in co-curricular activities, provided they satisfy all of the following criteria:
   1. The student must be enrolled in a home study program registered with the Vermont Department of Education.
   2. The student must have legal residence in Milton or in a district that does not maintain a school and pays tuition on behalf of its students to attend Milton schools.
   3. A copy of the Vermont Department of Education enrollment letter for the student’s home study program must be presented to the appropriate Milton school principal.
   4. The student’s parent or guardian must review the student’s academic progress on the same schedule as the school. This standard should be consistent with those for enrolled students to determine academic progress. Although this review is conducted by the parent or guardian, the parent or guardian must certify the review to the principal.
   5. The student must comply with all of the school's eligibility requirements as well as with applicable guidelines adopted by the Vermont Principals Association.
   6. The student must comply with all school rules for behavior.

Milton High School Eligibility

A. Students must be actively enrolled in three or more courses while participating in co-curricular activities. Students must meet a minimum requirement of six credits per year.

B. Student academic progress for the purposes of co-curricular eligibility will be determined at eligibility checkpoints occurring every two weeks. Eligibility checkpoints will be monitored by the Principal and Athletic Director.
C. Students must be passing every course at every eligibility checkpoint to remain eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity. “D’s” in two or more courses will also result in ineligibility. An “incomplete” is not considered a passing grade.

D. Any student who has become ineligible for co-curricular activities may regain eligibility by evidencing passing grades at a subsequent eligibility checkpoint.

Milton Middle School Eligibility

A. Student academic progress for the purposes of co-curricular eligibility will be determined at eligibility checkpoints occurring every two weeks. Eligibility checkpoints will be monitored by the Principal and Athletic Director.

B. Students who participate in co-curricular activities will be identified by Guidance and/or classroom teachers and referred to the Principal and Athletic Director if they consistently fall below academic or behavioral standards.

C. Students must be “proficient” or above in every class at every eligibility checkpoint to remain eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity.

D. Any student who is below “proficient” in one or more classes at the time of an eligibility checkpoint may regain eligibility by evidencing passing grades at a subsequent eligibility checkpoint.

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