

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (updated 12/18/14)

The Oakdale Board of Education believes that extracurricular activities are those activities that primarily involve student activities outside the classroom and beyond regular school hours. This includes, but is not limited to, athletics, academic teams, sports activities, non-academic field trips, school related trips that do not coordinate with core subject curriculum, and any other special trip/activity the administration deems extra-curricular.

Although all students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities, the board believes that participation in such activities should be available only to those students who are achieving success in all other school-related areas. Only those students who are fully eligible scholastically will be permitted to represent the school in any capacity.

A. Administration, athletic director, or a designated authority will run an eligibility report each Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. This report will be emailed to the M.S. teachers for review of grade discrepancies or needed changes/updates. Teachers will notify the designated authority of any needed change by 4:00 pm that Wednesday so changes can be made.

B. Students will be placed on the ineligible list if the student has less than a “C” average in any subject /class.

C. The administration, athletic director, designated authority, or teacher will contact the parents of the ineligible student to inform them of the student’s ineligibility. The lack of parental notification from the school does not negate the ineligibility.

D. The grade that determines each eligibility report will be a reflection of the student’s current grade in the current 9 weeks course. The first grade check of each quarter will be during the *third week* of that quarter. Reports will be run each week until the 9 weeks is over.

E. The first time a student is placed on the ineligible list they will serve a probationary period of one week. During this probationary period, the student will be able to participate in extra-curricular programs. ***A probationary period will count towards the “three strikes rule”.***

F. Three Strikes Rule:

A student can be placed on the ineligible list three times each semester.

The third time a student is to be placed on an ineligible list, they will be ineligible for the rest of the semester.

At the beginning of the second semester student ineligibility infractions will be 0 (zero).

The three strikes rule is cumulative until the semester ends even though the grade used to determine eligibility is determined by the current 9 weeks average

G. Participation on extra-curricular activities requires at least a half day of attendance on the day of the activity. In addition, the absence from school must be deemed EXCUSED. According to the Student Handbook, the following are considered valid excused absences: *School activities, illness, doctor’s visits, absence due to religious ceremonies, court appearances, and funerals. Parents are to inform the building principal and each of the student’s teachers in writing stating the reason and dates the student will be absent. The building principal will make all final decisions regarding the classification of absences .*

Any student absent (half or full day) due to illness will not be able to participate that same day in extra-curricular activities even though illness is deemed a EXCUSED ABSENCE.

H. Students serving time in in-school detention or who have been suspended may not participate in any extracurricular activity until the duration of the detention or suspension is final. Suspensions can count toward the “three strike rule” at the discretion of the principal.

I. Students who have not represented Oakdale in an appropriate manner, as determined by the sponsoring teacher, during a previous extracurricular activity may be excluded from participation at a future extracurricular activity. Determination of exclusion will be made by the administration, athletic director, or a designated authority.

J. Athletics

Ineligible athletes will be allowed to practice with their team.

Ineligible students will only be allowed to attend games/competition at the administrators and coaches discretion. Ineligible students will not be allowed to ride activity bus to games/competition.

- The above policy will serve as the guide for Oakdale School in determining eligibility. The administration does reserve the right to override an eligibility report when deemed necessary under special circumstances.