

Dighton Jr/Sr High School Eligibility Policy

Because of the different nature of Summit in grades 7-9 and traditional courses in grades 10-12, two eligibility policies have been created by the staff at Dighton Jr/Sr High.

7-9 Eligibility Policy

For grades 7-9, grading is based on mastery: the foundational concept that a student may attempt to learn and master a concept as many times as needed. This belief emphasizes process, struggle, failure, and, finally, success. The Summit platform provides a tentative schedule for students to follow, but students are ultimately to set their own pace. This emphasis on personalized learning as well as mastery means that, oftentimes, students' academic grades are not the only emphasis for eligibility in activities and athletics. While academic grades are important throughout the year in Summit, the emphasis on perseverance and time management skills taught throughout the year will ultimately lead to mastery of concepts being taught in Summit Courses. It is for this reason that a rubric will be used to evaluate the eligibility of 7-9th graders who have 2 D's or 1 F for academic grades.

Category	Descriptors
_____ (Category Check)	___ I have all green/yellow projects on my screen except for one. ___ I have passed or attempted all content area assessments behind the line in the last two weeks. <div style="text-align: right;">___/2</div>
_____ (Category Check)	___ I only used my Chromebook for academic use this week. ___ I was on task and focused for the majority of my PLT time. ___ I met 75% of my Summit goals for the week. <div style="text-align: right;">___/3</div>
_____ (Category Check)	___ I re-took a content assessment I was struggling with this week. ___ I resubmitted a checkpoint for feedback with substantial corrections. ___ I contacted my teacher with questions I had on a content assessment or project. <div style="text-align: right;">___/3</div>

To earn a "category check" students must meet a majority of the descriptors in each category (2/2 for Academic Scores, 2/3 for Time Management, and 2/3 for Perseverance). Students are considered eligible for the week if they earn 2 or 3 "category checks."

10-12th Grade Eligibility

Grades 10-12 will retain the previous eligibility policy of USD 482: 1 F or 2 D's (when grades are run at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon) will make a student ineligible for activities or events the upcoming week. While grades will be run on Wednesday at 3:30, the week of ineligibility will not begin until the next Monday and continue until the following Sunday.

Why 2 Policies?

USD 482 wishes to create an eligibility policy that best serves all students while also holding all students accountable to a high academic standard. Students in grades 7-9 are approaching learning from a different lens than those in traditional courses. While 7-9th graders focus heavily on mastery on a personalized pace, 10-12th graders are operating in a traditional system with great support from teachers and staff for success. Because of these contrasting systems, it is best for students in grades 7-9 to have a different, but equitable, eligibility policy than those in 10-12th grade.

Parents/Guardians,

Beginning in December, Dighton Jr/Sr High School will be piloting our eligibility policy. This will come into effect beginning in January 2019. The policy for the 10th through 12th grade has not changed from previous years.

"A student must have passed at least five subjects the preceding semester. In addition, a student must not be failing a class or have 2 or more "D's" in classes in order to participate in competition that week. A week is defined, Monday morning at 8:00 A.M. and concluding the following Monday at 8:00 A.M, when the new week's eligibility begins. This applies to all extracurricular activities and school classroom activities. If the classroom activity is for an assignment, then the teacher must provide an alternate assignment for the student(s) who may not participate in the school activity. On the basis of the above academic requirements for student participation, a weekly eligibility list will be figured by the principal and strictly adhered to by the coaches and sponsors. Eligibility will be run on 10th through 12th graders on Wednesday's for the upcoming academic week.

Parents and students are encouraged to use the PowerSchool website to check on their current grade in any class. Bright Arrow will call, text, and email the guardian of the students who are on the failing or near-failing list."

As for the 7th through 9th grade, the eligibility process is different than it has been in the past. For grades 7-9, grading is based on mastery: the foundational concept that a student may attempt to learn and master a concept as many times as needed. This belief emphasizes process, struggle, failure, and, finally, success. The Summit platform provides a tentative schedule for students to follow, but students are ultimately to set their own pace. This emphasis on personalized learning as well as mastery means that, oftentimes, students' academic grades are not the only emphasis for eligibility in activities and athletics. While academic grades are important throughout the year in Summit, the emphasis on perseverance and time management skills taught throughout the year will ultimately lead to mastery of concepts being taught in Summit Courses. It is for this reason that a rubric will be used to evaluate the eligibility of 7-9th graders.

All students will get one exemption of being ineligible to help get acclimated to the new policy for the 2018-2019 school year only. If you have any questions, please call the high school office.

Thank you,

Dighton Administration