

Student Policy #2430

Eligibility Requirements for Participating in Extra-Curricular Activities Athletics, Marching Band, Student Government, Clubs, Cheerleading, etc.

The Board recognizes the educational value of student participation in extra-curricular (school sponsored activities for which grades and credit are not received). However, participation should not be at the expense of or detrimental to the student's academic studies and normal progress toward graduation.

I. GRADE REQUIREMENTS

A. All students in grades seven through twelve who are participants in school sponsored extra-curricular activities which require, on the average three (3) or more hours of participation in a week and/or requires absence from a class for participation will be subject to academic eligibility regulations.

B. All students in grades seven through twelve will be graded every nine (9) weeks in each a student takes. There are two (2) grading periods in each semester. The High School will use interim grades (first 9 weeks) and final grade (second 9 weeks) for the purpose of determining eligibility.

C. Beginning with the first semester of the school year 1987-88 a student's eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities will be determined by the prior nine (9) week marking period.

D. A student will be eligible to participate in an extra-curricular activity if h/she can demonstrate, based on a four (4) point scale, a grade point average of 2.0 using a four (4) factor system: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and E=0, or 1.67 using a twelve (12) factor system: A+= 4.33, A=4.00, A-= 3.67, B+ = 3.33, B = 3, B- = 2.67, C+ = 2.33, C= 2.00, C- = 1.67, D+ = 1.33, D = 1.00, D- = .67, and E= 0; and a passing grade in five (5) courses out of six (6) and six (6) courses out eight (8) from the previous nine (9) week grading period. A grade of "E" or "W" is not considered a passing grade.

E. A student with a grade point of 1.50 to 1.99 on a four (4) factor system pr a grade point of 1.33 to 1.66 on a twelve (12) factor system and who passed five (5) courses curing the previous nine (9) week grading period may apply through the building administrator for a probationary status. These standards will be evaluated at the end of five (5) weeks and must maintain a grade of "C" on a four (4) scale system or "C" on a twelve (12) scale system or better in all classes. A student who does not meet the requirements will be ineligible for the four (4) remaining weeks of the marking period. A student may apply only for probationary status within any two marking periods.

F. Once eligibility is established to begin participation in an extra-curricular activity, continuing eligibility for the duration of the sport season or activity schedule is maintained through weekly eligibility established by the building administrator which meets or exceeds the minimum standards as established by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

G. G.P.A. (Grade Point Average) based on a 4 point scale will be established by dividing by a factor which is determined by the number of courses in which the student is enrolled into the number of honor points for the previous nine (9) week marking period.

H. A student failing below the adopted standard at the end of a school year can use summer school work to bring his/her record up to or above the required minimums.

I. Special Education students may be exempt from the District's eligibility requirements for extra-curricular activities if so indicated in their I.E.P. (Individualized Educational Plan.). Such students will, however, still have to meet the M.H.S.A.A. eligibility requirements to participate in interscholastic sports.

J. Building administrators may establish eligibility requirements for clubs (Student Council, Class Officers, etc.) and special activities (Snoball, Homecoming, etc.) not covered by this policy.

K. Middle School grades will not carry over to the high school for the purpose of eligibility.

L. A transfer student must meet all established eligibility requirements of the Board of Education and M.H.S.A.A. All official transcripts must be on file before a student can practice or participate in an extra-curricular activity.

M. For a student to be able to participate in an extra-curricular activity on a given day, they must be in attendance for the full day of school.

N. The procedures and the list of extra-curricular activities covered by this policy will be established by the building administrator at the start of each school day.

II. CODE OF CONDUCT

A. The Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Code of Conduct Policy #5501 is enforced during the entire athletic season or time of the extra-curricular activity for all students.

B. Furthermore, students must comply with the following:

1. Refrain from the use, sale or possession of illegal drugs at any time or place.
2. Refrain from the use, sale or possession of tobacco at any time or place.
3. Refrain from the use, sale or possession of alcohol at any time or place.
4. Refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct or any action which would bring disgrace upon the school.

5. Each coach, club sponsor, band director, etc., may establish and enforce additional rules and penalties. These rules must be in writing, approved by the Athletic Director and/or Building Principal, and shared with all participating students and parents.

C. Disciplinary Action

The penalty for breaking the above rules are as follows:

1. First Offense – Suspension for up to 25% of the competition of the current season or time of an extra-curricular activity. If suspension is not completed in one sport or activity, it will carry over to the next sport or activity in which the student participates.
2. Second Offense – Suspension of up to one (1) calendar year from time of the offense.
3. Third Offense – Potential elimination from participation in athletics or all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of his or her high school career.
4. In addition to loss of eligibility, students are subject to all penalties, including suspension or expulsion from school, applicable to all Woodhaven-Brownstown School District students pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

III. STUDENT DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

Any student who has been determined ineligible may appeal that decision. The order of appeal shall be as follows:

1. Athletic Director or Building Principal within five days following the meeting with the coach or extra-curricular sponsor.
2. Superintendent of Schools within five days following the meeting with the Building Principal or Athletic Director.
3. Request to appear before the Woodhaven-Brownstown School Board.

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Pay to Participate – Athletics

7th – 12th Grade: \$90.00 per sport, per season

Athlete Maximum: \$250.00

Family Maximum: \$675.00 in any one school year (Please contact the athletic office to submit a list of participants in family.)

Athletic Department: 734-789-2077

Pay to Participate fee is due the beginning of each season upon roster selection.

Woodhaven H.S. - Brownstown Middle School - Patrick Henry Middle School Pay-to-Participate Procedure

Cost: All student-athletes participating in interscholastic athletic and cheerleading, pom/dance will be required to pay a per sport fee, to be determined by the school board. This fee will be assessed to all athletes participating at the varsity, junior varsity, freshmen, and middle school levels of competition.

The fee will be waived for youngsters who qualify for free lunch based on the free lunch program guidelines set up by the State of Michigan. A reduced fee will be assessed to students qualifying for the reduced lunch program. Parents must submit a written request for a waiver or reduced pay-to-participate fee based on the State of Michigan free/reduced lunch criteria each season.

Refunds: If an athlete is cut from a team due to try-outs, or a team is cancelled due to lack of participation, pay-to-participate fees will be refunded. However, if a student quits the team, is benched due to injury or disciplinary reasons, or does not play regularly due to a coach evaluation of talent, no payment or portion of payment will be refunded. No refund will be made for a student found in violation of Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Student Policy #2430 - "Eligibility Requirements for Participating in Extra-Curricular Activities," or Policy #5501 - "Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Code of Student Conduct." Students who apply for an academic probation period and fail to meet the terms of academic probation as set by Policy #2430 will not receive a refund.

Cancellation of Teams: The Woodhaven-Brownstown School District reserves the right to cancel athletic teams not having enough members participating to both properly fund the pay-to-participate portion of the budget, or not having enough members to properly field a team. The decision to cancel a team will be made by the Athletic Director.