

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

No: 123.2

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETICS

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	123.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETICS AND COMPETITIVE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
1. Purpose	<p>The Shaler Area Board of School Directors recognizes that education is its priority and desires to ensure an appropriate balance between its educational program and sports and competitive extracurricular activities.</p>
2. Definitions	<p>Athletics shall include all sports offered by the Shaler Area School District which participate in PIAA sanctioned events.</p> <p>Competitive Extracurricular Activities shall include all academic skills teams and club sports which participate in performances or competitions where they are judged or evaluated.</p>
3. Guidelines	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board that students not only comply with the PIAA eligibility requirements (pass four full credit courses the prior semester) but also maintain a 2.0 or above cumulative grade point average to be eligible to compete in athletic or extracurricular activities. In the event that a student complies with the PIAA academic eligibility requirements but does not maintain a 2.0 or above cumulative grade point average, the student may compete for any current nine-week grading period if he/she achieves a 2.0 or above grade point average in the previous nine-week grading period. If a student who otherwise would be eligible under PIAA academic requirements but has not maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above, and has not earned a 2.0 GPA during the previous nine-week grading period, may gain eligibility to complete for the remaining 4.5 weeks of a current nine-week grading period if he/she achieves a 2.0 GPA at the 4.5 progress review period of that current nine-week grading period.</p> <p>Students must pursue a full-time curriculum defined and approved by the building principal.</p> <p>Students must be passing at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent, as of each Friday during a grading period. If a student fails to meet this requirement, the students will lose his/her eligibility from the immediately following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which the students meets this requirement.</p> <p>Students must have passed at least four full-credit subjects or the equivalent during the previous grading period, <u>except that eligibility for the first grading period is based on your final grades for the preceding school year.</u> If a student fails to meet this requirement, the student will lose his/her eligibility for at least</p>

15 or 10 school days of the next grading period, beginning on the first day that report cards are issued. If the school has four grading periods, students will be ineligible for at least 15 school days; if the school has six grading periods, students will be ineligible for at least 10 school days.

All student-athletes' grades will be analyzed each Friday during the season. Students with grades below 69.50% in any class (for that grading period) will be listed and given to the student-athlete's respective Head Coach.

Additionally, these students will be recommended for tutoring during a study hall or the after school monitored study sessions. Students with two grades below 59.49% will be determined to be ineligible for the following week of play regardless of grade point average, and must attend tutoring sessions each day, regardless of practice times or contests. Students with only one grade below 59.49% will maintain their eligibility, but must attend tutoring sessions throughout the entire following week, either during a study hall or the after school monitored study sessions. If the aforementioned student-athlete raises their grade(s) above 59.49% they do not have to attend tutoring sessions, and regain their eligibility. A student who fails to raise their grade(s) will remain ineligible. There is no warning period, and ineligibility (not allowed to participate in contests) will run congruent with the PIAA, Sunday to Sunday.

A student who is not academically eligible to compete shall be allowed to practice for competition until such time that he/she meets the requirements of this policy.

The Athletic Director or Activities Director along with seasonal Head Coaches and/or Activity Sponsors shall be responsible for overseeing the academic eligibility of students. When the Athletic Director or Activities Director along with Head Coaches and/or Activity Sponsors determine that a student is academically ineligible, the Head Coach and/or the Activity Sponsor shall notify the student and the student's parents/ guardian with the reason(s) why the student is ineligible and what the student needs to achieve to regain eligibility.

Once a student is declared ineligible, the Athletic Director and coach or the Activities Director and activity sponsor shall work jointly to plan a tutoring/remedial program for the ineligible student. Weekly progress shall be monitored by the coach/sponsor, so the student can successfully re-enter their sport or activity.

Weekly eligibility requirements established by PIAA will also be maintained in order to be eligible to participate in athletics and competitive extracurricular activities.

Upon the superintendent being notified by the Athletic Director of a student, may be experiencing an extenuating circumstance, the Superintendent would review on a case by case basis the circumstances to determine if the athlete will be permitted to participate, and also would not be in violation of PIAA eligibility.