

Scholastic Eligibility

In order to participate in athletic activities at Chicago Public Schools, including practice and competitions, students must maintain scholastic eligibility. Please carefully review the requirements for scholastic eligibility below.

Past Semester Standing

For contests occurring during the first semester of the school year, student athletes must receive passing grades in 25 credit hours (5 half credits or their equivalent) for the previous semester. Additionally, a student with a grade point average below 2.0 must have an Individual Study Plan ("ISP") in place to address academic weaknesses. The ISP must be approved by the Principal and on file with the Sports Administration Office. If the student fails to satisfy the requirements of their ISP, the student's eligibility to participate will be withdrawn.

Credits earned in summer school may be applied to previous semester requirements. Likewise, credits earned during credit recovery programs may only be applied to the previous semester. If a student is rendered ineligible for the next semester's season due to failed courses, the student may attend summer school to make up the failed courses and re-gain eligibility for the next semester's sport season. If he/she obtains passing grades which fulfill the eligibility requirements, he/she will be eligible for participation in August.

A beginning freshman who has never attended any other secondary school will be eligible at once if enrolling at the opening of the semester. This entry must be prior to the 11th day of school.

A student shall not, after enrolling in the ninth grade, be eligible for more than eight semesters. If the student shall have been in membership ten days or more during any semester, the student shall be counted as having been in attendance during said semester.

If the student has been out of school for a semester or more, the previous semester shall be understood to mean the last semester during which the student was a member of a high school for at least ten days.

Students with special needs who wish to compete for their high schools will be accepted upon meeting the participation requirements established for all students. A waiver or modification of these requirements due to special needs considerations is subject to approval by the Office of Sports Administration. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Present Semester Record

The student shall be enrolled in at least 25 credit hours (5 half credits or their equivalent) each semester.

A student-athlete who is failing one or more courses at the end of a week during the season shall be ineligible for the next week of competition. For purposes of scholastic eligibility, "passing" shall be determined by a student athlete's grades, school attendance and attendance in class and conduct during the school day. A student-athlete who accumulates two (2) or more unexcused absences from class or school in a school week during the season shall be ineligible for the next week of competition. A student-athlete who is suspended from school for misconduct or subjected to the loss of extracurricular activity privileges shall be ineligible for competition or practice during the term of the suspension or loss. Eligibility shall be determined every week as approved by the high school principal. The week shall be defined as Monday through Sunday for eligibility purposes.

If at any point a student is determined to be academically ineligible then they will not be permitted to participate in athletic activities at Chicago Public Schools including competition and practice.

I understand that in order to participate in athletic activities at Chicago Public Schools, including practice and competitions, I must maintain scholastic eligibility.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____