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ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY **FOR ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Philosophy

The Board of Education in conjunction with the Superintendent, Administration and Faculty of the Catskill Central School District encourages student participation in athletics and extracurricular activities while recognizing the importance of maintaining academic standards. This policy reflects the common goals of sustaining academic achievement while participating in extracurricular activities.

It is the intention that this policy support education and serve as a guide to help participating students remain focused, maintain academic standards and remain eligible. Students who become academically ineligible will be given the opportunity to regain full eligibility status through adherence to the guidelines outlined in this policy. In the event that a student feels that he or she has been inappropriately deemed ineligible, he or she can appeal this decision as set forth in this policy.

General Academic Eligibility Statement

This policy applies to all extracurricular activities and includes all clubs and athletic teams. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right; therefore, students are expected to maintain a certain level of academic performance in order to participate in extracurricular programs. Academic performance will be monitored during the entire school year and students must meet the following criteria in order to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Academic Standard

The student is expected to attend school regularly, be in attendance for all classes scheduled and perform regular course work in all of his/her classes for each marking period. Students who are absent for more than half a day, will be ineligible to participate in the practice, activity, or game scheduled that day. A legitimate excuse must be signed and dated by a guardian for the partial day absence.

Student performance will be reviewed at the end of each marking period (further known as Eligibility Period). An eligibility list will be published after each progress report or marking period report.

Eligibility Standards

1. Academic Eligibility Determination

- a. A student must maintain a 70 average and passing at least 4 courses each marking period.

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- b. Determination for fall participation rests upon the previous year's performance.
- c. A student who does not meet eligibility requirements has until the next 5 week interim report period conclusion to meet the requirements and is placed on academic probation.
- d. During the academic probation period the student may fully participate on the team.
- e. During the academic probation period the student will attend and participate in a minimum of three after school study sessions. In addition, other school assigned interventions may be required if deemed necessary for student success.
- f. If the students does not participate in the after-school program or show improvement at the 5 week interim report time, he/she will become "Ineligible to Compete." (See 2.a)

2. Ineligible to Compete

- a. If a student does not receive an indicator of passing the subjects in question at the 5 week interim report period, he/she will be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity for the next five weeks. It is expected that the student will attend the after-school study session outlined in 1b. If the student's situation improves within the five week period, the student may request reconsideration of his/her ineligibility status.
- b. To request reconsideration, a student must complete a status form, signed by each teacher, and present it to the principal. The Principal will then clear the student for practice and play, and notify the coach.

Appeals

A student or his/her parent/guardian may request reconsideration or appeal the determination regarding the student's ineligibility status to the Academic Eligibility Committee. The Academic Eligibility Committee will be comprised of Administrators, Coaches or Advisors, Teachers and Guidance Counselors, but shall not include the student's coach/advisor for the particular sport or activity from which declared ineligible. At least five individuals must be present to make a determination.

If a student wishes to appeal a determination he/she must complete the "Appeal Form" in the principal's office.

It is the sole responsibility of the student or his/her parent/guardian to present specific facts and circumstances regarding the student's academic performance and provide proof that his/her academic

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performance has improved sufficiently to meet the standards as set forth in this policy. The committee shall examine the specific facts of each case, reach a consensus and render a decision within three school days of the appeal. During the appeal process, the student may not practice or play and/or participate in extracurricular activities. The decision of the appeals committee is final.

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