INSTRUCTION

Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Programs

Standards for Participation in Athletics, Marching Band, Cheerleading, and Drill Team

In order to maintain eligibility, high school students participating in interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, marching band, and drill team must pass five subjects and earn a "C" or better in two subjects at the end of the first semester and at the end of the school year.

The initial determination of eligibility at the beginning of a new semester is made on the first instructional day of the semester.

Student assistant electives shall not be counted toward meeting the standards of eligibility. These include: PE Assistant (7640); Lab Assistant/Science Seminar (4620); Student Assistant for Special Education (4622); Student Lab Assistant for English (1133); Lab Assistant/Library Assistant (1600). One-half credit academic courses may be counted toward meeting the standards of eligibility.

I. The following appeal procedure, in accordance with School Board Policy 731, shall be adhered to when a student maintains Virginia High School League (VHSL) and district eligibility but fails to achieve county standards of eligibility:

A. The student or parent may appeal directly to the school principal by providing a written statement describing the circumstances that resulted in failure to achieve the standard. The appeal must be made within two (2) school days following receipt of the report card.

B. The school principal shall review the appeal and submit all appeal requests, accompanied by the principal's recommendation, within two (2) school days after receipt of the appeal to the Supervisor of Health, Physical Education, Driver Education, Athletics, and JROTC. The principal is also responsible for advising the appropriate Level Associate Superintendent of this action.

C. The Supervisor of Health, Physical Education, Driver Education, Athletics, and JROTC shall consider attendance, effort, and conduct grades when rendering eligibility decisions. The decision rendered by the Supervisor of Health, Physical Education, Driver Education, Athletics, and JROTC shall be final.
D. The student will remain ineligible during the appeal process.

E. Students declared ineligible because of grades, shall have their cases reviewed by appropriate staff, as determined by the principal, and, where advisable, tutorial and other assistance will be suggested.

F. If a student is ineligible for participation in the respective activities at the end of the school year, the student may consider repeating a failed course and/or enrolling in an additional course in summer school. Grades received in the summer school course(s) shall be considered for eligibility requirements in the fall.

II. In season coaches/sponsors of the respective activities shall check interim grades and notify the student participant of the possibility of ineligibility for the following semester. In those instances where non-school staff are employed as coaches, the school’s Director of Student Activities shall be responsible for assisting the coach or sponsor in checking interim grades and notifying the student participant of the possibility of ineligibility for the following semester.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for reviewing this regulation in 2017.