

Extracurricular Eligibility Policy

This policy applies to all students in grades 9 – 12 and Middle School students who participate on Junior Varsity and Varsity athletic teams.

Ichabod Crane recognizes the first priority of students' education is academic excellence. To achieve this, a respect of self, others and property is essential. Responsibility is one of the most important skills we can teach to our young men and women. For this reason, the following policies have been adopted to help students maintain a standard of academic excellence rooted in responsible school citizenship.

I. Academic Standards:

Student's grades will be reviewed at each interim marking period and at the end of each quarter. At the time of any review, any student failing one or more subjects will be placed on probation. Students failing one or more courses at the end of a school year, who wish to participate in a fall sport, will be placed on probation until the interim marking period of the first quarter of the next school year unless they successfully pass the course during summer school.

A. Terms of Probation

1. The probation period will be five weeks in duration.
2. Students on probation will be assigned Homework Center Support on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
3. Students on probation who are in attendance on a school day who miss any Homework Center Support sessions without prior approval will be suspended for:
Athletics – the remainder of the sports season which they are playing.
Extra-Curricular Music Activities, Club and Class Activities – until the next scheduled grade check (grades are checked at midway and end of marking period.)
Note: Only students who complete an entire sports season and/or activity are eligible for end of year recognition.
Note: Cast/Crew Members of Theatrical Production – members who miss more than two rehearsals/crew sessions due to academic ineligibility are suspended for the remainder of that theatrical production.
4. Those students who attend Homework Center Support may continue to participate in the activity.
Note: In the event of any away contest activity/event, students will be excused at team or event bus departure time.
5. All students on probation will be reviewed at the end of the five-week probation period. Those students who are passing all subjects at the end of the five-week probation period will be off probation. Students who are failing any subject at the end of the probation period will be suspended from the sport/activity for the same amount of time as noted in #3.
6. Students failing two or more subjects at the checkpoint prior to the beginning of athletic tryouts or an activity (interim or quarter) may not be allowed to try out.
7. The terms of the Extracurricular Eligibility Policy apply to all participants in the following: athletic activities; extracurricular music and theatrical performances; club activities; the Junior Ring Dinner, the Junior-Senior Prom; the Senior Trip; and Senior Halloween Party.

Students who feel that there are some extraordinary circumstances, may appeal their case to the Building Principal who will provide an opportunity for the student's case to be heard by the Appeals Committee comprised of the Principal, the Athletic Director and/or the appropriate Co-Curricular Advisor, and a student selected by the Student Council. Each member has one vote. When a tie exists, the ultimate decision resides with the Principal.

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