

Northern Michigan Christian School

Athletic Eligibility Policy

- A student-athlete will be ineligible when his/her class grade point average (GPA) in any individual class is at a failing (E) level and/or when a student-athlete has three (3) incomplete pieces of classwork in any individual class. Each teacher will determine ineligibility status for his/her classes & communicate his/her decision to both the Athletic Director & the Superintendent.
- A student-athlete must be enrolled in at least 6 classes to be considered eligible to participate in NMCS athletic programs.
- Career Technical Center classes and Work Study programs will count as three classes.
- Athletic eligibility will be reviewed at the end of the 2nd, 4th, 6th, & 9th week of each marking period. (Each 9th week will be the end of a marking period.)
- Teachers & the Athletic Director will regularly communicate with students, coaches, & parents regarding eligibility concerns.
- If, at any eligibility review date, a student-athlete is failing any class and/or is deemed ineligible because of incomplete work (at least 3 incomplete pieces of classwork), then the student-athlete will not be able to participate in athletic practices and, perhaps, athletic competitions. This information will be communicated to student-athletes & coaches by the Athletic Director.
- A student-athlete will not return to practice and/or competition until he/she is determined to be eligible by the student-athlete's teacher(s). The Athletic Director will communicate eligibility status to the student-athletes, coaches, & parents.
- A student-athlete will be ineligible until he/she has made appropriate efforts (i.e. completing classwork or meeting with a teacher to create an IAEP) to correct the ineligibility status by improving GPA to a passing level in the class in question.
- If a student-athlete is ineligible because of incomplete work, but is still passing the class, then he/she will only be ineligible for practice sessions (not competitions) until the work is completed. Coaches will uphold and enforce this procedure.
- When a student-athlete is deemed ineligible, he/she must create an Individualized Academic Eligibility Plan (IAEP) with the teacher and follow through with the IAEP in order to return to eligible status. (A copy of the IAEP must be provided to the Athletic Director & Superintendent). The student-athlete will be responsible for initiating communication with the teacher. Once the IAEP expectations have been fulfilled satisfactorily, the teacher will make the Athletic Director and Superintendent aware, and the student-athlete will return to eligible status.
- It is expected that the ineligible student-athlete use athletic practice sessions to conference with teachers and/or complete work.
- If at any time a student-athlete is failing two classes based in cumulative grade percentages, the MHSAA requires that student is ineligible for competition for at least one (1) week. If this situation applies, MHSAA eligibility policy will remain in place until the student returns to an eligible status.

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