

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Students must meet all Ohio High School Athletic Association scholastic eligibility standards as well as those established by the Sidney City Schools Board of Education.

It is expected that all student/athletes will strive to attain the highest possible achievement. Minimum academic standards must be met in order to remain eligible for participation. A student/athlete should not drop a class without first consulting a counselor to determine whether it will affect eligibility. Eligibility for enrollment is determined by grades received the preceding grading period. Semester and final examination, and yearly average have no effect on eligibility.

I. The Ohio High School Athletic Association rules are as follows:

- a. Grades 9-12: To be eligible, a student/athlete must be currently enrolled and receive passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses or equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. (Note: Students in the ISOP program must also comply with these standards).
- b. Grades 7-8: To be eligible, a student/athlete must be currently enrolled and have received passing grades in 75% in subjects taken in the immediately preceding grading period. (This also applies to student/athletes entering the 9th grade.)
- c. For eligibility, summer school grades may not be used to substitute for grades received the final grading period of the regular school year or for courses taken the preceding grading period.

II. The Sidney City Schools Board of Education has established the following standards for weekly and nine (9) week academic eligibility:

- a. A student may not receive more than one "F".
- b. A student must be passing a minimum of two (2) units of credit per grading period as illustrated below:

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			<u>P</u> e <u>r</u> <u>S</u> e <u>m</u> <u>I</u> f <u>P</u> a <u>s</u> s <u>e</u> d
English	Year	1/ Year	1/ 2
History	Year	1/ Year	1/ 2
Health	Sem	1/2 / Sem	1/ 2
Phys. Ed.	Sem	1/4 / Sem	1/ 4
Comp. Math	Year	1/ Year	1/ 2
Science	Year	1/ Year	<u>1/ 2</u>
		Total	2 3/4

This student would be eligible to participate in athletic activities since two (2) units of credit for the grading period have been completed.

Also, the Board has established that grades will be checked weekly during the season. The following consequences will be in place for students that receive "F".

- a) **The first time** during a season a student/athlete falls below the minimum weekly standard, a letter of notification will be sent to the student's parents. The student/athlete will be required to follow an intervention plan.
- b) **The second time** during a season a student/athlete falls below the minimum weekly standard, a letter of notification will be sent to the student's parents. In addition, the student/athlete will not be permitted to compete interscholastically for one (1) week while he/she is below the established minimum standards. The student is still required to follow an intervention plan.
- c) **The third time** a student/athlete does not meet the minimum weekly standard during the season, the student/athlete will be dismissed from the squad. A student who is dismissed from a squad because of academic deficiencies will not be permitted to try-out for other teams until the squad from which he/she was dismissed has completed its season.

The head coach has the authority to determine if a student/athlete, who is academically ineligible for the entire grading period at the beginning of the sport season, may rejoin the squad five (5) school days after the next grading period begins if the student/athlete meets all academic eligibility requirements. The head coach must enforce their regulations in place prior to the beginning of the sport season and apply them to all athletes of that sport. This policy refers strictly to academics and does not inhibit a coach in relation to their evaluation of an athlete's behavior, attitude, or other qualities which might influence a coach's decision for team readmission.

