

SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Athletic Department

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR SHORELINE DISTRICT ATHLETES, GRADES 9-12  
GUIDELINES

It is the belief that athletics and academics go hand in hand and that we need to emphasize the importance of our students learning the essential, lifetime academic skills along with successful participation in an athletic program.

We, therefore, have adopted for both Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools the following academic eligibility requirements.

Regulation

To be eligible to participate in interscholastic competition as a member of any team or group approved by Shoreline School District No. 412, a student must be passing all subjects at all times and must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) classes. WIAA Rules for seniors on track to graduate may apply.

Procedures

At the end of each semester grading period, the grades of all students who are currently members of a school's athletic team will be checked. Any student who fails a class/subject will be put on suspension and will be declared ineligible for competition during the suspension period. If, at the end of the suspension period, the student is passing in all classes, the student may then be reinstated for interscholastic competition. The suspension period for high school students shall be from the end of the previous semester through the last Saturday of September in the fall or the first five (5) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester. During the suspension period of ineligibility, the student will not participate in any interscholastic contests but may continue to practice with the team.

If, after the suspension period, the student is still not passing all classes/subjects, he/she will be removed from the team. Removal means no participation in practice or games until such time as he/she can verify that he/she is passing in all classes.

Any student who receives an incomplete at a grading period will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition until the incomplete is cleared.

In addition, at any time a teacher notifies the building Athletic Director that a student is failing their class, that student will be declared "on probation".

1st notice: Student will be on probation for one week and can practice and play

If the grade is raised during the week student can continue participating.

If the grade isn't raised, the student becomes ineligible indefinitely. (can practice, but can't compete)

Student can compete again once the grade is raised

2nd notice: In the same class or a different class, the student is ineligible for a minimum of one week - can practice but can't play

If the grade is raised during the week, the student can begin to compete again once the week is over (no sooner even if the grade is raised immediately)

If the grade is not raised by the end of the week, the ineligible status continues indefinitely.

The student can compete again once the grade is raised (after the one week minimum)

3rd notice: In the same class or a different class, the student is removed from the team for the remainder of the season

Prior to the exclusion of any special education student from interscholastic competition under this regulation, the building Special Education Director shall be consulted.

In addition, student athletes must also meet all eligibility requirements of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

#### Appeal

Any student declared ineligible under the terms of this regulation is entitled to appeal to the building's Athletic Board.

#### Middle School Students

Students entering the 9th grade will be declared eligible if they have met the requirements of the middle school code of conduct.

#### Transfer Students

Students who transfer from within or out of district will be considered eligible if they meet the WIAA eligibility requirement of passing five subjects the previous semester.

#### Summer School

If a student has failed a class during the spring semester he/she may make it up and become eligible for fall season by passing a summer school class only if the class is comparable to the one he/she failed and/or it is approved by the appropriate building administrator.

#### Class Withdrawals

If a student is withdrawn from class with a failing grade, he/she will be declared ineligible. If a student is withdrawn from a class and he/she is passing at the time of withdrawal, he/she is eligible.