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All high school and middle school students who wish to participate in activities outside of the school day are required to abide by all applicable eligibility rules as defined below.

A. Requirements for Participation for all students

1. Physical Examination - A yearly physical exam is required for all students who participate in interscholastic sports, including the try-out period. A student must provide written proof of a physical examination within 365 days of his/her previous exam and that verification must be on file with the school nurse. A health clinic offers these physicals periodically throughout the year at a reasonable cost.
2. Attendance - Regular school attendance is required. A student who arrives after 9:00 am, is dismissed from school early, or misses any part of the school day may not participate unless excused beforehand and approved by the principal. Participation in any weekend activity is dependent upon attendance on Friday.
3. Obligations - Students who owe obligations to the school (library fines, books, uniforms from previous seasons, etc) will not be permitted to participate until those obligations are satisfied.
4. Acknowledgment of Risk/Emergency Medical Authorization - Prior to participation, parents and students must complete a pre-participation form that indicates, in part, acceptance of the risk of injury that may result from participation. Parents must complete an emergency information card that gives permission for their son/daughter to be treated by appropriate medical personnel in the event of injury.

5. Accident or Medical Insurance - All athletes must provide proof of medical insurance coverage in order to participate.

B. Marshwood High School Scholastic Eligibility Rules and Requirements for participation in Interscholastic and Extracurricular Activities

1. Eligibility shall be determined by academic quarters. Eligibility will be reviewed at the end of each academic quarter and will go into effect for the following quarter the day report cards are issued. For the purpose of determining fall eligibility, the fourth quarter of the previous year will be referenced.
2. A student must be enrolled in four credits or the equivalent each quarter and must pass four credits or the equivalent in the previous quarter.
3. Incomplete grades may be made up for credit during the first 2 weeks of the subsequent quarter after report cards are issued. A student remains ineligible for the two weeks, at the end of which a passing grade must be obtained. Incompletes granted at the end of the year (last quarter) must be completed (passing grade obtained) two weeks after report cards are issued. However, eligibility under this requirement can be maintained if, prior to the incomplete, there is evidence of a passing grade.
4. Students who do not meet the scholastic eligibility requirement will be ineligible for the academic quarter – that is, until the next quarter's report cards are issued.
5. Summer school courses may not be used for purposes of regaining eligibility.
6. An ineligible student may not participate in meetings, practices, games, and matches; may not sit with the group at home or away competitions; may not travel with the group.
7. An ineligible student may try-out during the ineligibility period for a spring sport that is to begin in the fourth quarter.
8. Students who are assigned in-school or out of school suspension are ineligible to participate until the suspension has ended.
9. Entering Grade 9 students will be academically eligible to start the school year.

Interscholastic activities are defined as those activities that involve competition with other schools. All high school students who wish to participate in interscholastic activities are required to abide by the eligibility rules set by the Maine Principals Association and Marshwood High School. Examples of interscholastic activities include: athletic teams, math and other academic teams, and drama (One-Act Play competition).

Extracurricular activities are defined as those activities that occur outside the normal school day, but within the school itself. All high school students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities are required to abide by the eligibility rules set by Marshwood High School. These activities do not involve sanctioned competition with other schools. Examples of extracurricular activities include: school publications, student government and class officers, natural helpers, theatrical performing groups *, musical performing groups *, any other activity not listed as determined by the Administration.

*Unless participation is an extension of a course and/or credit is given.

C. Marshwood Middle School Scholastic Eligibility Rules and Requirements for participation in Interscholastic Activities:

1. Marshwood Middle School students must be passing a minimum of (3) core academic subjects and (1) allied art in order to achieve academic eligible status.
2. Student's eligibility will be based on trimester and mid-trimester grades.
3. Summer school courses may not be used for the purposes of regaining eligibility.
4. 7^{th} and 8^{th} grade fall eligibility will be based on 3^{rd} trimester grades from the previous school year.
5. Entering grade 6 students will be academically eligible to start the school year.
6. When appropriate, the administration of Marshwood Middle School has the authority to grant student eligibility or determine student ineligibility.
7. Students who are assigned in-school or out of school suspension are ineligible to participate until the suspensions has ended.

Cross References: JLA Student Athlete Accident Insurance

JLA-E1 Student Athlete Accident Insurance Form

JJID Physical Examinations of Students Who Participate in Interscholastic Athletics

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