

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

All interscholastic extracurricular activities in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) that are of a competitive nature and involve more than one (1) school where a championship, winner, or rating is determined shall be conducted under the provisions of this policy. Such activities will be established and designed to offer students worthwhile athletic and leisure-time interests, wholesome recreational and social activity, and an opportunity to develop skills in democratic and cooperative management for these activities.

All such activities conducted under the auspices of the District shall be under the direct supervision of the licensed individual responsible for the activity.

It is necessary to have the interscholastic extracurricular activities function within a realistic framework of control. In order that overenthusiastic students do not place a social or athletic function on a higher plane than the academic program, the following policy will be adhered to:

- All classwork counted for eligibility must be acceptable for graduation.
- The student must be enrolled in more than half of the school's regular class schedule.
- Regular attendance must be maintained and no more than fifteen (15) days or the same class more than fifteen (15) times may be missed each semester due to interscholastic extracurricular activities.
- The eligibility criterion for interscholastic participation shall be ~~either one or the other of the following:~~ in accord with Section 6.2 on Scholarship of the New Mexico Athletic Association Handbook:
  - ~~Following the semester, a cumulative passing grade average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale adjusted for honors points with no more than one (1) F or failure (only semester grades may be used and only at the beginning of the semester) or,~~
  - ~~The grades from the grading period immediately preceding participation must be a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale adjusted for honors points with no more than one (1) F or Failure.~~
  - Fall 2018 Eligibility will be based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades from 2017-2018 school year and must be a grade average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale adjusted for honors points with no F's or failures. Eligibility will be determined by semester grades.
  - Eligibility may be reestablished following each semester using the grades from the next grading period within the semester. A student may participate immediately with a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale adjusted for honors points with no F's or Failures.

- The cumulative period eligibility may only be used at the beginning of a semester and must include all high school semester grades beginning with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. This provision may be used if the student has no more than one F grade at the immediate past semester. The decision to use the Cumulative Provision, an option for 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders only, is made on a case by case basis and is available only once to any student during their high school years.
- ~~Eligibility for participation in extra-curricular activities shall be determined at the end of each grading period or as required by campus.~~
- If the student does not meet the eligibility requirements the penalty will be removal from participation in any athletic team or extracurricular performances or travel. A student that demonstrates academic progress toward eligibility may practice with the team or group.
- The responsibility for notification of students and parents of these requirements and for enforcement of the above rule rests with the Superintendent.
- The student and the parents or guardian shall be notified of ineligibility in a manner such that confidentiality is maintained when:
  - Ineligibility is pending.
  - Ineligibility is determined to be necessary.
- Support services ~~shall~~ may be made available to students who become ineligible for extracurricular programs as well as to students notified of pending ineligibility. depending upon resources available.

Students whose behavior presents a problem or jeopardizes school discipline may be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities until such time as their behavior warrants reinstatement.

The same general standards shall apply for special education students except that such eligibility shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in relationship to the respective students' individual education programs.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations to ensure that:

- Necessary documents in support of this policy are maintained.
- Necessary data related to ineligible students are collected and reported as required.
- The cultural traditions of students are considered when establishing or enforcing rules related to participation in extracurricular activities.
- The requirements of this policy are met.

The Superintendent may develop additional rules or procedures for the proper conduct of extracurricular programs and the implementation of the provisions of this policy.

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**GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

LEGAL REF.: 22-12-2.1 NMSA (1978)  
6.11.2.9 NMAC  
New Mexico Activities Association Handbook Sec. 6

CROSS REF.: JJIB - Interscholastic Sports