

Academic Policies for Extra-Curricular Participation Bellevue School District – Newport High School

Initial Grade Checks: These are based on the previous semester from which the athlete is participating. For **2009-10** initial grade checks will occur as follows:

Fall Sports: Previous semester = **June 09**

Winter Sports: Previous semester = **June 09**

Spring Sports: Previous semester = **January 10**

Continuing Grade Checks: Students will be monitored every 5 weeks throughout their season of participation to make sure they are maintaining both standards.

Standards: There are two (2) standards (WIAA and Bellevue School District) that students must maintain throughout their season of participation to be eligible to compete in contests (see below).

A. Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Standard (WIAA):

Passing 6 of 7 classes (Regardless of how many classes a student takes they must be passing 6. If they take 6 they still must pass 6. **Note: Exception is seniors on track to graduate.**

Consequences:

- Not passing 6 classes will result in a 5-week probationary period with no opportunity to compete in games. Period will end on **Monday September 28, 2009** for fall sports.
- Exception can be if a student attended summer school to address any issues that they had during 2nd semester **2009**.
- Athletes will still be required to practice and will be considered part of the team during the probationary period.
- For winter and spring sports the 5-week probationary period is handled differently than in the fall.
- If a student at any 5-week check is found to not be passing 6 classes they will be declared ineligible on a day-to-day basis or until they return to the level of passing 6 classes.

B. Bellevue School District Standard:

Cumulative GPA must remain above 2.0

Consequences:

- Not having a cumulative GPA above 2.0 will result in a 3-week probationary period with no opportunity to compete in games. At the conclusion of the 3-week period the athlete must demonstrate that they are doing 2.0 level work in their current situation.
- **2009-10** Timeline for 3-week probationary periods for not meeting the Bellevue School District Standard:
Fall **2009: Monday September 14, 2009**
Winter **2009=10: Monday December 7, 2009**
Spring **2010: Monday March 22, 2010**

C. Probationary Period Items:

During any probationary period when a student is declared academically ineligible they will not be allowed to compete in contests as per WIAA rules. Ineligible athletes will continue to practice and be a part of the team during this probationary period. During contests they **are not** allowed to be in uniform or to occupy a position on the bench, also per WIAA rules.

Special Ed. and 504 Plan Considerations

Special Ed. (IEP) and 504 Plan accommodations and how it relates to this policy.

1. After initial eligibility checks for each sport season, athletes not meeting the standards should be checked for special ed. status and whether they are on a 504 Plan.
2. Athletes that are either special ed. or on a 504 Plan then have an additional avenue to regain eligibility and that is through the individual schools MDT Team.
3. Names should be brought to the MDT team and the following three (3) questions should be asked:

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- a. Is their I.E.P. in place?
- b. Is the I.E.P. being properly administered?
- c. Is the student doing their part and fulfilling the I.E.P.?

If the answer to all three (3) questions is yes, the athletic administrator may grant eligibility to that student. If any of the answers are no, they remain ineligible until they meet the standards or the answers to the three (3) questions all come back yes.

4. This process of additional consideration **would only apply to students not meeting the Bellevue School District standard** (cumulative GPA above 2.0). The WIAA has stated that special ed. and 504 Plan students are to be treated the same as regular mainstream students.