

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION – ATHLETICS & FINE ARTS

The Board of Education believes that student activities at school are a vital part of the total educational program and that they enhance the development of wholesome attitudes and good human relations, as well as knowledge and skills. The Board believes that school citizenship, as reflected in student activities, is a measure of the achievement of important school goals. The Board recognizes that the greatest values to be derived from both curricular and extracurricular student school activities occur when such activities are developed and encouraged through participation among, or the knowledge of, the student body, interested members in the community, and school staff.

All Foley student extracurricular participants must adhere to the eligibility guidelines as spelled out by the Foley School Board, the Granite Ridge Conference and the Minnesota State High School League eligibility bulletins that each participant receives in advance of their season of participation for both athletic and fine arts activities.

Penalties for violation of the eligibility guidelines are included in each bulletin the student participant receives. The student participant and his/her parent/guardian must electronically sign and submit the form prior to the student participating in an activity.

Residents of the Foley District, who are participating in the Post-Secondary Options Program, are enrolled in the Foley Alternative Learning Program or are district residents enrolled in an approved home school program are eligible for activity participation at Foley Senior High School. Students enrolled at other high schools or in an online high school are not eligible unless specifically addressed in MSHSL policy.

Activities Academic Protocols

The primary focus of Foley Public Schools is to see kids succeed in the classroom. Students must maintain satisfactory academic performance to participate in extracurricular activities.

Academic Eligibility and Graduation Credits

Per MSHSL Bylaws 103 and 108, in order for an individual to participate in extracurricular activities, they must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation. The school where the student is fully enrolled and regularly attends shall determine satisfactory progress.

Credit Recovery

Those concerned about meeting the graduation credit thresholds are encouraged to connect with their school counselor to discuss their options.

Failures from a Previous Grading Period - Category 1 Activities

Definition - Category 1 Activities: Those school-sponsored activities in which there is a schedule of interscholastic contests, exclusive of tournaments or qualifiers.

Examples of Category 1 Activities: Baseball, Swimming & Diving, Volleyball, Speech; this is not an exhaustive list.

Any student registered for a Category 1 activity who received a failing grade from a previous grading period will be deemed ineligible for their next regular season competition. The penalty will be served once and will be applied beginning with their next regular season competition. If a student attends the Foley Summer School program and receives credit for all of the courses in which they received a failing grade, they would not be deemed ineligible to start their season.

Failures from a Previous Grading Period - Category 2 Activities

Definition - Category 2 Activities: Those school-sponsored activities that do not have a schedule of interscholastic events, and are exclusively comprised of qualifiers, tournaments, local performances, etc.

Examples of Category 2 Activities: Fall Musical, One-Act Play, Band, Choir, Visual Arts; this is not an exhaustive list.

Any student registered for a Category 2 activity who received a failing grade from a previous grading period will have a penalty that is determined by the principals and activities director.

In-Season Academic Checks

Students participating in school-sponsored activities will be subject to grade checks throughout the academic year. Grade checks are run every three weeks and include mid-terms and end of trimester grade checks.

1. Students who have a failing grade will be notified that they have been placed on the Deficiency List the day after grade checks were completed.
2. Students will need to pick up a Deficiency Form from the Activities Office. They will be tasked with receiving a signature from each of their teachers showing that they are making sufficient academic progress towards a passing grade.
3. Students will have two days to return the Deficiency Form to the Activities Office with all required signatures. If the form has not been completed, the students will be deemed ineligible to participate in competitions/performances.
4. An ineligible student is still expected to attend all program functions, with the exception of events in which the student would be excused from school early. Ineligible students will not be allowed to be in uniform during competitions.
5. It is the students responsibility to prove eligibility.

Academic Dishonesty

Students who knowingly commit any cheating in relation to their academic courses are considered to have committed academic dishonesty or academic misconduct. This includes all forms of plagiarism. Category 1 activities participants who receive an academic dishonesty major violation will be assessed as a Code of Responsibilities Violation (MSHSL), whereas the penalty will be one contest. Category 2 activities participants who receive an Academic Dishonesty major violation will have a penalty that is determined by building administration.

Activities Participation Fee Policy

The purpose of the activity fee is to support the direct costs of interscholastic activities to assure continuation of the programs for the benefit of the students. Activity fees are set and approved by the School Board each year.

Activities Participation Fee Payment

Fees are paid online through the Activities Registration webpage. All fees must be paid in order for the student to participate. Unpaid fees will result in the participants inability to participate.

Activities Participation Fee Refund Policy

No refunds will be granted after the first three weeks of practice, or the first competition, whichever comes first. Refunds made prior to the times listed above must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

1. An injury, documented by a doctor's report, which prevents further participation.
2. Students who transfer out of the district.

Students who choose to quit or are removed from the program for disciplinary reasons will not be eligible for a refund. will not be eligible for a refund.

Activities Participation Fees

	Activity Fee	Activity Fee for Educational Benefits - Reduced	Activity Fee for Educational Benefits - Free
High School Athletics	\$150	\$90	\$60
High School Football	\$170	\$102	\$68
High School Fine Arts	\$105	\$63	\$42
Junior High Athletics	\$100	\$60	\$40

Junior High Football	\$105	\$63	\$42
Junior High Fine Arts	\$90	\$54	\$36
Marching Band	\$100	\$60	\$40
Clay Target*	\$170	N/A	N/A
Math League and Knowledge Bowl	\$75	\$45	\$30

* There is no fee reduction for Clay target. A \$35 League Fee will be added on during registration.

Students who receive Educational Benefits will be assessed the fees according to the following guidelines:

- Students who qualify for free lunch will be assessed the fees at a rate of 40%.
- Students who qualify for reduced lunch will be assessed the fees at a rate of 60%.
- Individual hardship cases will be cleared through the Activities Director on an individual basis.

Tournament and Activity Attendance

Any Foley student attending an out of town activity is expected to attend and remain at the activity.

- Students attending tournaments must ride the school-sponsored transportation to and from the event unless you have parent permission to ride other transportation.
- Students must be in school on the tournament day until the designated bus departure time.
- The spectator bus will depart for Foley when the Foley participants have finished their day's involvement in the tournament, or a predetermined departure time.