

Instruction

Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities

Co-Curricular Activities are extensions of curricular courses which occur during the school day. Students participate in the course during the school day and participation in the co-curricular activity is required as part of the course. Examples of co-curricular activities are orchestra, band, or choral performances outside of the school day when the courses take place during the school day.

Extra-Curricular Activities are not-for-credit activities, for which there is no curriculum, and these activities take place outside of the school day. Examples include athletic teams, intramurals, clubs, and performances in plays.

Middle School and High School Extra-Curricular Activities /Athletics

District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the Board. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences, of rules for student participation.

It is the Board's policy to provide students interscholastic athletic competition in a variety of sports. Qualified personnel shall be provided for coaching and supervising individual sports. In addition, it is the policy of the Board to provide intramural athletic activities as an outgrowth of class instruction in physical education commensurate with the grade level of the students involved.

Each student who chooses to participate in an interscholastic athletic program is required to have on file, in the offices of the building nurse, a certificate of consent, which is signed by the parent or legal guardian. No student may start practice for any athletic team until he or she has been examined and approved by a medical doctor. This certificate of consent shall be in effect for each student as specified in Sec. [5141.31](#).

The purpose of school athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many students as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the prime consideration. Participation should be without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school, community and home.

It is recognized that a well-organized and well-conducted athletic program is a potent factor in the morale of a student body and an important phase of good community-school relations.

Every possible effort shall be made to offer equal opportunities for both sexes in sports and activities that shall include life sports that a student can carry through adulthood.

In addition, the student participating on an interscholastic team agrees:

1. Not to participate on another team outside of school in the same sport while on the school's team (applicable to high school student-athletes only)
2. Not to receive any personal economic gain based upon athletic skill.
3. To participate under his or her own name.
4. Not to participate in any post season or individual contests as a representative of the Bristol Public Schools without the school's explicit and expressed permission.

The failure of one (1) team member to abide by all of the eligibility rules will result in the forfeiture of all contests for the team while the individual was ineligible.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics assume a special responsibility. They serve as models for much of the student body and are representatives of our school district to other school districts and the communities served by our schools.

Student athletes are expected to behave in a manner that will bring credit to themselves and their schools. It is our expectation that students involved in the athletic program will refrain from smoking and the use of alcohol or any other behavior-altering drug.

Failure to comply with the school's expectations may result in removal from the activity and/or in disciplinary action being taken.

Students who are absent or suspended from school may not participate in an extra-curricular activity. Any student who is not present for a minimum of three periods must receive administrative approval to participate in a co-curricular activity held that day.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Athletics - Change in High School District Residency

When a student under 18 years of age leaves the residency of a legal guardian in one Bristol public high school district to reside with friends or relatives in another Bristol public high school district, having filed forms provided by the Board of Education for that purpose, that student will not be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the receiving school in any sport the student previously participated in at the sending school for three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days of continuous enrollment from the date of the first allowable play date following the date of enrollment (first day of attending classes) in the receiving school, or the first contest after the date of enrollment, if entry is after the first allowable play date at the receiving school.

Parents/legal guardians authorizing the minor student to change residence (i.e., leave home) will be required to provide the Board of Education with legal documentation, on request, to establish their current legal custody of the minor involved.

Students and/or their parents/legal guardians may file a waiver request with the Superintendent of Schools within thirty (30) days of change of residency, seeking exemption from this policy because the change in residency is required for compelling personal reasons unrelated to athletics, such as illness or incapacity of family members. The Superintendent of Schools shall consult with the two high school principals and the Supervisor of Physical Education, Health and Athletics and make a recommendation to the Board regarding the request. Should the Superintendent recommend against the waiver, the student and/or

parents/legal guardian may appear before the Board, which shall issue the final decision regarding the requested waiver.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Athletics - High School Request for Pupil Transfer within the Bristol Public School System with No Change in Residency

Any student who is granted an out of area transfer request that results in attendance at the non-resident high school is partially eligible for interscholastic athletics for thirty (30) calendar days from the first date of practice following the date of enrollment (first day of attending classes) (for students entering over the summer, the 30 days begin on the first day of practice) in the receiving school, or the first contest after the date of enrollment, if entry is after the first allowable play date in any sport the student participated in at the previous school.

Students and/or their parents legal guardians may file a waiver request with the Superintendent of Schools within thirty (30) days of notification of denial of the out of area request, seeking exemption from this policy because the out of area request is required for compelling personal reasons unrelated to athletics/ such as illness or incapacity of family members. The Superintendent of Schools shall consult with the two high school principals and/or the Supervisor of Physical Education, Health and Athletics and make a recommendation to the Board regarding the request. Should the Superintendent recommend against the waiver, the student and/or parents/legal guardian may appear before the Board, which shall issue the final decision regarding the requested waiver.

Middle and High School Co-Curricular Eligibility

An activity which occurs outside of the school day as an extension of curricula courses is a co-curricular activity. Students participate in the course during the school day and participation in the co-curricular activity is required as part of the course. This pertains specifically to student participation in band, orchestra and/or choral performances which are required for participation in the course. Students will be allowed to participate in such required performances even when on academic restriction (middle school level) or partial eligibility (high school level) for extra-curricular activities.

Extra curricular eligibility policy pertains to not-for-credit activities which take place outside of the school day. This includes athletic teams, intramurals, clubs, performances in plays, adjudications, community concerts, and any other activity which takes place outside of the school day as a course requirement.

High School Full Extra-Curricular Eligibility

Quarter 1, 2 and 3 grades will be used to determine eligibility during the winter and spring seasons. Final end of the year grades, 2nd semester and summer school grades will determine eligibility for the fall season. During the school year, student eligibility and ineligibility status is determined on the day report cards are distributed or on the fourteenth (14) calendar day following the end of the marking period.

In order to be eligible to participate in all aspects of an extra-curricular activity, a student must meet the following criteria:

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A student is eligible when he/she:

- Is entering grade 9 from grade 8 OR must have received a minimum of six academic credits plus .5 physical education credit from the previous school year and summer school. Students attending BTEC or transferring into a Bristol School may have the .5 physical education credit waived by the building principal.

- Freshmen/Sophomores at the start of the school year:

- Must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) academic credits plus .5 physical education credit during the current school year (or have passed physical education for the upcoming school year in the prior summer).

- Juniors/Seniors at the start of the school year:

- Is enrolled in a minimum of five and a half (5.5) academic credits plus $\frac{1}{2}$ physical education credit.

- Passes all courses OR;

- Fails one class for the year or second semester with a grade no lower than 60, not retaken or failed in summer school, regardless of a failing grade attained in summer school;

- To maintain eligibility, the student retakes the failed course in the fall, the student must achieve a grade of 65 or higher in that failed course by the midterm of the marking period. Eligibility of these students will be determined on the third school day after the progress reporting period.

If the student does not repeat the failed course, all grades must be a 70 or better at the midterm of the first marking period. Eligibility of these students will be determined on the third school day after the progress reporting period.

- The student must be a member of the school in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.

- The student shall not have reached his or her twentieth (20th) birthday. (A student-athlete will not be allowed to start a season or compete during a season in which his/her twentieth (20th) birthday falls.)
- A student has eight (8) consecutive semesters or four (4) consecutive years of eligibility from the date of entry into the ninth grade to be eligible for interscholastic competition.
- Any student who has been enrolled in grades 10, 11, 12 inclusive in any school (member or non-member) shall not participate in the same branch of athletics for more than (3) seasons. A student, upon enrolling in grade nine (9) shall have 4 continuous or uninterrupted years to complete his or her athletic eligibility.

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Winter and Spring Seasons

At the end of the previous marking period, the student is eligible when he/she:

- Freshmen/Sophomores at the start of the school year:
 - o Must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) academic credits plus .5 physical education credit during the current school year (or have passed physical education for the upcoming school year in the prior summer).
- Juniors/Seniors at the start of the school year:
 - o Is enrolled in a minimum of five and a half (5.5) academic credits plus ½ physical education credit;
 - Passes all courses OR;
 - o Fails one class with a grade no lower than 60;
 - o To maintain full eligibility the student must achieve a grade of 65 or higher in the failed course on the progress report following the marking period in which the failure occurred;
 - o If the student does not repeat the failed course, all grades must be a 70 or better at the progress report following the marking period in which the failure occurred;

o Eligibility of these students will be determined on the third school day after the progress reporting period.

- Students with an incomplete become ineligible the day grades are distributed or on the 14 calendar date after the close of the term. The student then has 10 days to make up the incomplete. If a student does not make up the incomplete within 10 days, the student remains ineligible. A student becomes eligible when the incomplete grade has been resolved within the 10 days.
- The student should be a member of that school in grade 9, 10, 11, 12.
- The student shall not have reached his or her twentieth (20th) birthday. A student-athlete will not be allowed to start a season or compete during a season in which his/her twentieth (20th) birthday falls.
- A student has eight (8) consecutive semesters or four (4) consecutive years of eligibility from the date of entry into the ninth grade to be eligible for interscholastic competition.
- Any student who has been enrolled in grades 10, 11, 12 inclusive in any school (member or non-member) shall not participate in the same branch of athletics for more than (3) seasons. A student, upon enrolling in grade nine (9) shall have 4 continuous or uninterrupted years to complete his or her athletic eligibility.

High School Partial Extra-Curricular Eligibility

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A student placed on Partial Extra-Curricular Eligibility would be granted limited participation but will not be able to represent the school in any type of competition, performance, etc. (i.e., athletic, drama, musical etc.).

To gain Partial Extra - Curricular Eligibility, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Fails one class with a grade lower than 60) or fails two classes for the year or second semester and not retaken or failed in summer school.

- Freshmen/sophomores at the start of the school year:
 - o Must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) academic credits plus .5 physical education credit during the current school year (or have passed physical education for the upcoming school year in the prior summer).
- Juniors/Seniors at the start of the school year:
 - o Is enrolled in a minimum of five and a half (5.5) academic credits plus ½ physical education credit.
- The period of Partial Extracurricular Eligibility will extend to the progress reporting period of the first quarter;
- To become eligible at the progress reporting period, a student on Partial Extra-Curricular Eligibility must attain a minimum average of "65" in the subject(s) that were failed and be passing all other classes. If the student does not or is unable to retake the failed class or classes, the student **must have a 70 in all subjects**. Eligibility of these students will be determined on the third school day after the progress reporting period.
- Students, who qualify under the Partial Eligibility Rule during a try-out period, may try-out for extracurricular activities, with the understanding that the Partial Eligibility Rule goes into effect immediately should he/she make the cut.
- Transfer students' grades are interpreted by the standards of the previously attended school.
- The student shall not have reached his or her twentieth (20th) birthday. (A student-athlete will not be allowed to start a season or compete during a season in which his/her twentieth (20th) birthday falls.)
- A student has eight (8) consecutive semesters or four (4) consecutive years of eligibility from the date of entry into the ninth grade to be eligible for interscholastic competition.
- Any student who has been enrolled in grades 10, 11, 12 inclusive in any school (member or non-member) shall not participate in the same branch of athletics for more than (3) seasons. A student, upon enrolling in grade nine (9) shall have 4 continuous or uninterrupted years to complete his or her athletic eligibility.

High School Partial Extra-Curricular Eligibility

Winter and Spring Seasons

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A student placed on Partial Extra-Curricular Eligibility would be granted limited participation but will not be able to represent the school in any type of competition, performance, etc. (i.e., athletic, drama, musical etc.).

For Partial Extra-Curricular Eligibility, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Freshmen/sophomores at the start of the school year:
 - o Must be enrolled in a minimum of **six (6)** academic credits plus .5 physical education credit during the current school year (or have passed physical education for the upcoming school year in the prior summer).
- Juniors/Seniors at the start of the school year:
 - o Is enrolled in a minimum of five and a half (5.5) academic credits plus ½ physical education credit.
- For the current school year, fails one class with a grade lower than 60, or no more than 2 subjects at the end of the previous marking period (defined as a grade lower than 65);
- The period of Partial Extracurricular Eligibility will extend to the date of progress reporting of the marking period following the marking period in which the failure(s) occurred. A student on Partial Extra-Curricular Eligibility must attain a minimum average of "65" in the subject(s) that were failed and be passing all classes;
- In the event that a student fails a first-semester course, which cannot be repeated the second semester, the student will be placed on Partial Extra-Curricular Eligibility for the third marking period and must be passing all subjects with a grade of 70 at the quarter progress report. Eligibility of these students will be determined on the third school day after the progress reporting period.
- Students, who qualify under the Partial Eligibility Rule during a try-out period, may try-out for extracurricular activities, with the understanding that the Partial Eligibility Rule goes into effect immediately should he/she make the cut;
- Transfer students' grades are interpreted by the standards of the previously attended school;
- The student shall not have reached his or her twentieth (20th) birthday. (A student-athlete will not be allowed to start a season or compete during a season in which his/her twentieth (20th) birthday falls.)
- A student has eight (8) consecutive semesters or four (4) consecutive years of eligibility from the date of entry into the ninth grade to be eligible for interscholastic competition.
- Any student who has been enrolled in grades 10, 11, 12 inclusive in any school (member or non-member) shall not participate in the same branch of athletics for more than (3) seasons.

A student, upon enrolling in grade nine (9) shall have 4 continuous or uninterrupted years to complete his or her athletic eligibility.

Middle School Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Eligibility

Middle School Co and Extra-Curricular eligibility is determined by a student's overall performance in all core subjects and all encore subjects. Students are issued a subject and conduct grade for each subject and these grades are considered. Incomplete grades constitute a failing grade of below 65 until incomplete grades are made up.

At the start of each school year, all students attending middle school, who were promoted to the next grade, are eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities for the first trimester. Students who were retained are not eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities for the first trimester. Student eligibility will be reviewed at the conclusion of the first and second trimesters.

All extra-curricular activities occurring outside of the school day are included in these eligibility guidelines (such as sports/intramurals, cheerleading, dances, school organized clubs and/or events, etc.). Band and chorus activities occurring outside of the school day are considered co-curricular activities; students will participate in the school band and/or choral performances required when enrolled in band and/or chorus during the school day. When on academic restriction, students will not participate in band or chorus performances, such as adjudications, community concerts, etc., that are not required as part of enrollment in band or chorus.

Middle School Full Extra-Curricular Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in all aspects of an extra-curricular activity, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Scholarship

a. At the end of the first and second trimester, the student must pass all 8 subjects with a grade of 65 or higher.

2. Conduct

a. At the end of the first and second trimester, a student must have no more than one grade of X in conduct.

Middle School Academic Restriction for Extra-Curricular Activities

A student placed on academic restriction will not participate in extra-curricular activities; a student on academic restriction will not be able to represent the school in any type of extra-curricular competition, performance, etc. (for example, sports/intramurals, a school play, adjudications, ensembles).

A student will be placed on academic restriction for the second and/or third trimester when the following occur:

1. Scholarship

a. A student fails one or more subjects (grade of 64 or lower) in the first and/or second trimester.

OR

2. Conduct

b. A student has more than one grade of X in conduct.

A student on academic restriction may not remain in school after the school day ends unless the student is under teacher supervision for make-up work, extra help, or detention.

Academic restriction will be removed upon successful completion of the second and/or third trimester, defined as the student meeting the requirements for full extra-curricular eligibility.

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