

JJIC - ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board encourages all students to achieve to their fullest academic potential. While school athletics provide an opportunity for students to develop other skills and knowledge outside the classroom, the School Board expects students to study and learn to the best of their ability in the classroom and in other instructional environments. The Board, therefore, hereby establishes academic standards that will guide students by directly influencing their eligibility to participate in designated school athletics.

High school students will be required to meet academic standards established by this policy for participation in school athletics. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. All student-athletes are required to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA.)
2. Eligibility for each marking period is determined by grades received in the previous grading period. Semester and/or yearly grades have no affect on eligibility.
3. Student-athletes must have received passing grades in a minimum of four (4) classes per grading period.
4. Summer school grades will be averaged in accordance with current School Board policy.
5. Students who lose their academic eligibility while participating in an athletic activity in which the season extends beyond the semester will not be allowed to continue participating. Students participating in athletic activities who do not meet academic requirements will lose eligibility at the time that the report card is issued.
6. Transfer students' academic eligibility for participation in an athletic activity will be determined initially by their incoming GPA. These eligibility criteria will apply through and include the student's first semester of attendance in the school district. Transfer students whose incoming GPA does not meet the academic requirements will be denied academic eligibility during their first semester in the school district. After their first semester as a student in the school district, the GPA requirements in item No. 1 shall apply.
7. A special education student who is working toward a special diploma/certificate must make standard progress in those courses taken as determined by the student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP). A special education student who is working toward a standard diploma must meet the same academic standards for participation in athletic activities.

The Superintendent or his/her designee to monitor the academic performance of student-athletes will evaluate the eligibility process annually.

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