

**2015-2016 CURRENT POLICY**

**Policy: 9.79 (amended)**

<b><u>Subject:</u></b>	<b>POLICY GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY</b>
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**1.0 Purpose.** To ensure uniform eligibility standards and academic performance requirements for students in grades 9 through 12 who wish to participate in school-sponsored athletics.

**2.0 Policy.** During the 2013-2014 School Year and thereafter, DPS students in grades 9 through 12 who wish to participate in school-sponsored athletics must satisfy the following academic performance and attendance requirements:

**A. Academic Performance:**

- (i) Academic performance will be determined on semester basis.
- (ii) The initial grade point requirement for a DPS student to be eligible for participation on an interscholastic athletic team shall be a minimum of 1.67 GPA in all classes for the previous semester and, thereafter, a student must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in all classes. A beginning freshman who has never attended any other secondary school will be eligible at once if entering at the opening of the semester.
- (iii) Summer School: Credits earned in summer school may be applied to previous semester requirements.

**B. Attendance:**

- (i) A student must attend all classes not less than ninety percent (90%) during the previous semester, during the season and all subsequent semesters to maintain eligibility.

- (ii) If the student has been counted in membership of a high school for ten (10) days or more during any semester, the student shall be counted as having been in attendance during that semester.
- (iii) If the student has been out of school for a semester or more, the previous semester shall be understood to mean the last semester during which the student was a member of a high school for at least ten (10) days.

**C. Transfers/ Residency Changes**

If a student transfers from one high school to another and/or changes residency, such student may not be immediately eligible to participate in an athletic program at the school to which the student transfers unless the student meets the requirements for an exception as set forth in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Regulations (MHSAA Rules). The MHSAA Rules shall be maintained in and enforced by the District's Office of Athletics.

**3.0 Procedures.**

- A. Determination of Present Season Eligibility:** Eligibility shall be determined by a student's grades, school attendance and attendance in class and conduct during the school day. Bi-weekly progress report shall be submitted by each teacher of the student athlete to ensure that the academic requirements are being met.

A student who is failing one or more courses at the end of any two week period during the season shall be ineligible for the next week of competition.

A student who accumulates 2 or more unexcused absences during any two-week period during the season shall be ineligible for competition during the next week.

A student who is suspended from school for misconduct or subject to the loss of extracurricular activity privileges shall be ineligible for competition or practice during the term of the suspension or loss.

**If a student is rendered ineligible for the next semester's season due to failed courses, the student may attend summer school to make up the failed courses and re-gain eligibility for the next semester's sport season. If he/she obtains**

**passing grades which fulfill the eligibility requirements, he/she will be eligible for participation in the following semester.**

The Chief Administrative Officer of the District shall from time-to-time establish and adopt additional applicable procedures governing the implementation of this policy.

**Attachments to Policy: None**

**Legal References:** MCLA § 380.1289  
OAG 5974, 9/3/81

**Other Sources** MHSAA Regulation I