

Student Personnel 500 Series

Code No. 503.41

Ed-Co Academic Eligibility
(Athletics and Cheerleading)

- All contestants must be under 20 years of age.
- Must meet all state transfer and open enrollment regulations.
- High school students must pass all classes in order to remain eligible.
If not passing one or more classes at the end of a quarter, the student becomes ineligible for a period of 30 calendar days (beginning with the first date that Ed-Co HS is scheduled to play) in the next sport in which the student is a participant.
- Students must participate in a full season in order for them to be considered participants, or to have the ineligibility take effect. For example, if a student finds that they failed a class during the second quarter then joins the basketball team, they would not serve their 30 days of ineligibility at that time. Likewise, if a student was out for basketball, served their 30 day period and then quit prior to the end of the season, it would be treated as if that ineligibility was not served.
- If a student becomes ineligible during a season, the period of ineligibility will take effect immediately. If 30 days are not served, the remaining time will be carried over into the next season in which they are considered a participant.
- The 30 days will commence on the day after grades are issued, which is not the same as the end of the grading period. It will likely be a few days after the quarter ends. Students and their parents will be notified.
- If one calendar year expires following a failing grade (with no other Fs in the interim), students are considered eligible without serving the 30 days. For example, if a student receives an F at the end of the third quarter during their freshman year, but does not fail another class or participate in anything until their junior year, they are eligible without serving the 30 days.
- Students will be expected to practice, but may not dress for performances at any level during their period of ineligibility.
- No student is academically ineligible upon entering ninth grade, but could become so during the year if they fail a class.
- Students who received an "I" for incomplete work will be considered to have failed that class and the policy will be implemented. If, however, the work is made up and the grade becomes a passing grade, the student will be reinstated immediately.
- Special education students or students covered by a Section 504 plan shall not be denied eligibility on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by the IEP team, towards their goals and objectives on the student's IEP or accommodation plan.

Speech, Music, FBLA, FFA, and Student Council

- In these activities, the period of ineligibility will be for a period of 30 calendar days, commencing when the grades are received in the office. It is quite possible that this may or may not coincide with athletic ineligibility.
- Only non-graded activities are affected by this rule. For example, if a student receives a grade for concert participation, they will not be excluded from that event. They will be excluded from competitive or honorary events (state or conference music or speech performances, contests, or festivals, for example).
- Students who participate in music, speech, FFA, FBLA, or student council, in addition to athletics, may have to serve two periods of ineligibility, depending upon individual circumstances.

For athletic, speech, music, FBLA, FFA, and Student Council, the period of ineligibility will be extended 10 days for each quarter in which at least one F is received, and the initial 30 days has not been served. For example, if a student participates in volleyball only and she fails a class at the end of the second quarter, she would face a 30-day period of ineligibility during the next volleyball season. If, however, she fails one or more classes during the third or fourth quarters, 10 days will be added to the original 30, so that her period of ineligibility will be 40 days. If she failed a class in the third and fourth quarters, the total time of suspension would be 50 days.

Multiple failures in any one quarter do not affect the number of days of ineligibility.

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