

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18

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ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Expectations of Messalonskee High School Students

All students are encouraged to avail themselves of the opportunity to be involved in extracurricular/co-curricular activities. However, to participate, a student must have passing grades and abide by Board policy and the rules governing the activity in which he/she is involved. Participation is a privilege, not a right.

The expectation is that to be eligible for extracurricular/co-curricular activities in grades 9-12 the student must be passing all courses in which he/she is enrolled. If a student fails to enroll for the minimum course load, which is the equivalent of three courses each quarter, or drops a course resulting in not meeting the minimum course load, the student shall be ineligible for extracurricular/co-curricular activities until such time that the student again meets minimum course load requirements.

The equivalent of three courses each quarter may include three course offerings at Messalonskee High School (MHS) (both ½ and 1 credit courses), or a combination of courses at MHS, Mid-Maine Technical Center, virtual learning courses, and/or local colleges . A student enrolled in a Mid-Maine Technical Center course can meet the minimum course load by enrolling in one additional course at MHS, as course work at Mid-Maine Technical Center requires two periods out of a four-period day.

Occasionally there are circumstances when a student may find himself/herself in academic jeopardy. In order to determine eligibility, grades received at the conclusion of each quarterly ranking period are used to determine academic eligibility as outlined in this policy. Semester and/or final grades for a course are not used for this purpose. A student enrolled in college course(s) or virtual high school course(s) must provide the athletic office with the grade or status of performance from the instructor in the outside course, prior to report cards being distributed at the end of each quarter.

If a student is failing one course at the conclusion of a quarterly ranking period, he/she is automatically placed on academic probation and will remain eligible to participate in extra-curricular/co-curricular activities while on probation. The probation period will last throughout the next ranking period. At the conclusion of the next ranking period the student must be passing all courses in order to remain eligible. One failing grade in any course, at the conclusion of two consecutive quarters will result in a student becoming ineligible for the ensuing ranking period. A withdraw with failure “WF” is considered the same as failing the course. A student cannot withdraw with failure to avoid losing eligibility. Eligibility is determined on the date when report cards are scheduled to be distributed.

If a student is failing two or more courses at the end of the quarter the student is ineligible for the ensuing ranking period. Because course work at the Technical Center requires two periods out of a four-period day, a student will be considered ineligible with a failing grade in Mid-Maine Technical Center course work provided a student is only enrolled and passing one additional course. If a student is passing two courses with a failing grade in the Technical Center course, the student will be placed on probation.

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Students who receive an (“T”) incomplete will only be allowed to practice until the incomplete is made up.

Expectations of Messalonskee Middle School and China Middle School Students

The expectation is that to be eligible for extracurricular/co-curricular activities in grades 5-8 the student must be passing all courses in which he/she is enrolled. All students’ eligibility will be checked at the start of the grading term and at the end of the 4th week of the term.

If a student is failing two or more subjects at the grade check, he/she will be ineligible to participate for four weeks. A student may become eligible if he/she is passing all classes at the next grade check. If a student is failing one subject at the grade check, he/she will be on probation for four weeks. During the probation, a student may participate in practices, games, rehearsals, performances, or competitions. If a student who has been on probation is passing all his /her classes at the end of four weeks, he/she becomes fully eligible. If a student who has been on probation is not passing all his/her classes at the end of four weeks, he/she becomes ineligible.

At any time when a student is ineligible, he/she may not participate in extracurricular activities. This includes practices, games, rehearsals, performances, or competitions.

Cross References: ADC, Tobacco Use and Possession
 GBEC, Drug Free Schools
 GBED, Smoking on School Unit Premises
 JIC, Systemwide Student Code of Conduct
 JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students - Student Substance Abuse
 Discipline
 JKD, Student Detention/Suspension
 JKE, Expulsion of Students

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