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POLICY 510.1 STUDENT ELIGIBILITY IN ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

To provide a uniform body of rules from which school coaches/advisors and administrators will certify a student’s eligibility.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The superintendent will establish regulations on the rules of participation for school related activities. The regulations will comply with the basic philosophy of the District regarding activities, the definition of activities, and applicable Minnesota State High School League rules as set forth in the MSHSL Official Handbook.

Basic Philosophy of the District regarding activities.

To provide an opportunity for as many students as possible to take part in as many activities as possible under the qualified leadership of a competent coach/advisor.

The student should be the center around which all activities are organized, with their welfare the focal point of the activity.

The activities as designed and administered should contribute substantially to the total educational program offered to the students by the District. Participation in activities shall be regarded in its proper perspective with other worthwhile types of educational experiences.

III. DEFINITION OF ACTIVITIES

Activities are defined as follows: interscholastic athletics, fine arts, academic teams, and student clubs sponsored by the District or school. Activities subject to the eligibility requirements in this Policy are competitive interscholastic athletics, fine arts, and academic teams.

IV. ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENTS LEARNING ONLINE

A. RESIDENT STUDENTS

Students who are residents of Bloomington, enrolled in the District's online school and wish to take part in in-person activities at a school site will take part in activities at their attendance area school.

B. OPEN ENROLLED STUDENTS IN ONLINE LEARNING

1. Elementary - Non-resident Students who are open enrolled in the District's full time online school may take part in activities at the online school's partner in-person school.
2. Middle School - Non-resident students who are open enrolled in the District's full time online school may take part in activities at the online school's partner in-person school.
3. High School - Non-resident students who are open enrolled in the District's full time online school may take part in activities at either high school (choosing only one in total), or at their resident high school, in accordance with MSHSL bylaws. Students who open enroll into the online school after the start of their 9th grade year will be varsity ineligible for one calendar year, also in accordance with MSHSL rules.

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The following is a summary of the basic regulations governing a student’s eligibility to participate in District activities. These regulations are in compliance with official MSHSL regulations as set forth in their Official Handbook.

I. GENERAL RULES

A. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for activities, students must be making continued progress towards graduation. Considering this, the District has established the following academic guidelines to be eligible for participation.

1. First trimester freshmen should have been promoted from eighth grade.
2. Second trimester freshmen should have earned 4 credits out of 6 during their first trimester to be eligible.
3. Third trimester freshmen should have earned 8 out of 12 credits to be eligible.
4. First trimester sophomores should have earned 14 credits out of 18 to be eligible.
5. Second trimester sophomores should have earned 19 credits out of 24 to be eligible.
6. Third trimester sophomores should have earned 24 credits out of 30 to be eligible.
7. First trimester juniors should have earned 30 credits out of 36 to be eligible.
8. Second trimester juniors should have earned 35 credits out of 42 to be eligible.
9. Third trimester juniors should have earned 40 credits out of 48 to be eligible.
10. First trimester seniors should have earned 46 credits out of 54 to be eligible.
11. Second trimester seniors should have earned 51 credits out of 60 to be eligible.
12. Third trimester seniors should have earned 56 credits out of 66 to be eligible.

Any student who is within (3) three credits of making progress towards graduation, according to the Academic Eligibility Guidelines, will be placed on an academic contract in order to continue participation. The student will continue to be eligible as long as the contract goals are being met at the time of midterm and end-of-trimester grading reviews.

Any student who is more than (3) three credits short of making progress towards graduation, according to the Academic Eligibility Guidelines, will be immediately ineligible for participation.

B. APPEALS

For extenuating circumstances not foreseen in this Regulation, there is an appeal process to seek a waiver of the academic eligibility rule. The Regulation and appeal forms may be obtained from the Activities Director or Principal of the high school.

C. MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE RULES

All rules pertaining to student eligibility set forth by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) in their annual bylaws will be adhered to. Students participating in activities governed by the MSHSL are provided with a full list of the bylaws at the start of each season. Students and parents/guardians must express in writing they have received the bylaws before being able to participate in the activity.

Academic Eligibility Appeal Process

Waiver of Eligibility Rule

For extenuating circumstances not foreseen in this Regulation a committee shall be established to hold an appeal hearing in order to consider whether to waive the academic eligibility rule. This committee shall be:

- (1) Student's high school counselor, case manager, or social worker
- (2) Activities Director

Some extenuating circumstance that could be considered by the committee might be:

- (1) Special Education student
- (2) Failures before regulation was effective
- (3) Family social-emotional situations, etc.

The student or the student's advocate should request an appeal form from the Principal or Activities Director. The Activity Director shall be responsible for calling the committee together.

If a waiver is granted it shall be rescinded immediately if the student does not fulfill the recommendations set forth by the review committee.

In all instances the waiver shall not advocate a position more liberal than standards set by the Minnesota State High School League.

The following decision-making procedure shall be used:

Participation:	Student's advocates (i.e. coach, counselor, social worker, teacher, etc.)
Recommendation:	Waiver Committee
Decision:	Principal

Academic Eligibility Appeal Form

Date _____

Name of Student _____

Address _____ Phone _____

School _____ High School Grade _____

Activity Under Consideration _____

Reasons(s) to waive requirements of Academic Eligibility Rule of Policy 510.1

Recommendation of Committee

_____ Date _____

Decision: Principal YES NO _____

Principal Signature

Date