

Academic Eligibility Policy For Extracurricular Activities

Rensselaer High School has the expectation for our students to be good citizens as they engage in activities where they represent our school. The academic eligibility policy for extracurricular activities was revised with input from faculty, staff, parents, and students. The following guidelines will be followed:

1. A student who expects to participate must be a full-time student. Full-time student status is defined as being enrolled in a minimum of five (5) credit bearing courses, plus physical education. (Seniors will be given consideration regarding credit courses).
2. A student will need an academic appeal if he/she has a class average below 65, this includes the ratings “U”/”F”, in more than 1 class for the quarter.
3. If a student earns an incomplete, he/she will be ineligible for two weeks while work for the incomplete grade is submitted. At the end of the two weeks, the class average will be recalculated to determine eligibility for the remainder of the quarter.
4. A student will need an academic appeal if he/she has more than 5 illegal absences and/or tardies for the quarter.*
5. A student will need an academic appeal if he/she has more than 2 discipline office referrals for the quarter.*
6. As often as possible, the class or club advisor or coach will participate in academic appeal meetings.
7. A student will be allowed 2 appeals a year; once in the first semester(September 1-January 30) and once in the second semester(February 1 – June 30).
8. Students who are ineligible due to attendance and/or discipline only may sign a contract and demonstrate improved attendance and/or discipline.

Students have the right to appeal their ineligibility status. Students interested in an appeal will file a request for an appeal with the high school team leader. Appeals will be heard by members of Student Council, the high school team leader, and administration. If a student is denied an appeal, he/she may request another appeal during the school year.

As with all aspects of the Academic Eligibility Policy, student progress will be monitored by Student Council, the high school team leader and/or the principal. Students will be deemed eligible if all grades are passing (above a 65), attendance improves and is maintained, and conduct improves (no disciplinary referrals).

**Absent and tardy notes must be submitted in a timely manner (within 1-2 days of the absence or tardy). A legal absence or tardy may be due to a doctor, dentist, counseling, court, or legal appointment and sickness.*

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