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MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

A Guide for Student-Athletes

A MESSAGE TO STUDENT-ATHLETES

Participating in your school's interscholastic athletic program will provide some of your most memorable and enjoyable moments. The Clark County School District (CCSD) has standards that must be met in order to be eligible to participate.

The essential eligibility requirements in this brochure are only a summary of some of the regulations affecting student eligibility. For additional information please contact the administration at your student's school.

The eligibility standards for Middle School Athletics have been adopted by the member schools.

We encourage you, as a student-athlete, to review these standards carefully since you are responsible for compliance with these standards.

Have a great year!

SUMMARY OF THE RULES

Transfer Rules

- Students who move with their parents to a new school will be eligible at the new school provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
- Students who transfer schools without their parents will be ineligible for 180 school days.
- Students whose parents divorce will maintain eligibility with their primary custodial parent. In the case of joint custody eligibility remains at their current school.
- Students whose parents are separated will retain their eligibility at their current school.
- Students on a zone variance are ineligible for 180 school days.
- Students who move during the school year and the new address is no longer in their current enrolled schools zone may apply for a zone variance for continued enrollment and will not be deemed ineligible upon notification by the school to the CCSD athletic office.
- Students on a residential Affidavit are ineligible for 180 school days
- Students who have temporary guardians are ineligible.
- Students who transfer from a magnet/open enrollment/minority to majority school are ineligible for 180 school days.

Residency Rules:

- Student must attend and participate at the school located in the attendance zone of his/her residence, which must be the physical residence of his/her parent or legal guardian.
- A student living with a legal guardian must be approved through the CCSD Athletic Department.
- Students who attend a charter school **may not** participate at their zoned school if they have the opportunity to participate in basketball at the charter school or if they will displace a CCSD student on the CCSD team (CCSD Policy 5119).
- Home schooled students may participate at their zoned school only. They must provide proof of homeschool enrollment, letter of Intent, letter of participation and proof of residence to the school, and the CCSD athletic office.
- **Falsification of any documents or being dishonest regarding your residency may result in ineligibility for 360 school days (2 years).**

Age Limitations

A student may not participate during any school year in which the student's fifteenth (15th) birthday occurs prior to September 29.

Physical Examinations

- All students must pass a physical examination by a licensed physician.
- Physical examinations must be completed on the appropriate form.

Insurance:

- Students **are required** to have accident and health insurance on their own prior to participation in any sport or school sponsored activity.
- The Clark County School District **does not provide** any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by participants.

Academic Requirements:

- To be eligible to compete, a student must have a 2.0 GPA computed on the nine (9) weeks previous to the start of the season. In the case of basketball, these are first quarter grades.
- A 2.0 GPA must also be attained for the first semester grades.
- A student must maintain passing academic grades in all classes during the season.

Other:

- A student must be in attendance for the full day on the day of a game in order to be eligible to play unless prior approval for the absence is granted by the principal.
- Any student referred to the office for school rule violations, referred to law enforcement authorities, or who is arrested for a felony or gross misdemean- or **should** be denied the privilege of participation in all athletics for a period determined by the principal.
- Students are eligible for six (6) consecutive semesters, starting with their 6th grade status, regardless of participation during the eligibility period.

STUDENT-ATHLETE CONDUCT AND EJECTION / DISQUALIFICATION POLICIES

- You are expected to accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of repre- senting your school and community while participating in interscholastic athletics. As a student-athlete you are expected to:
  - * Treat opponents, coaches and officials with respect.
  - * Display no behavior that could incite fans or other participants in the con- test or which is intended to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.
  - * Remember that winning isn't everything! Having fun, improving your skills, making friends and doing your best are also important.
  - * CCSD has established a policy for student-athletes ejected or disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior or flagrant fouls. The decision of a sports official to eject a student-athlete from a contest is a final decision and may not be appealed. If you are ejected or disqualified, you will be ineligible for at least the next scheduled contest.