

# Academic Eligibility Policy

Over the last few weeks we (Counselors, Athletics, Academic Deans, and Student Services) have been meeting and discussing the student eligibility/ineligibility policy. Below is a general outline of what we have discussed and what a new policy would look like.

This new policy is something that I would be interested in changing for next semester. If a student wanted to follow the old policy (and be ineligible until the grade is raised up) they may.

Depending upon the consensus of the faculty, we may or may not have to form a committee to discuss this further. If you have any questions or comments about the new policy, please let me know and I would be happy to talk to you about it.

For reference, the current policy is:

*Current Studies: Students are not eligible to participate in any co-curricular activity, including practices, if they currently have any grades of "F" or two grades of "D's". Grades are checked at mid-quarter and quarter. Students may return to co-curriculars when their current grades are improved and the new grade is posted by the teacher indicating they no longer have an "F" or two "D's".*

Some general points of consensus:

- We want to help students not get D/Fs.
- Most kids have to work to fail a class. Most low scores are due to not doing work.
- Ineligibility is a good motivator, but are the right kids being motivated?
- Checking student grades more often is better than only once a quarter.
- The ability to earn your way out of punishment or earn your eligibility back is important.
- Students need a consequence between the quarters.
- Students should be able to "start over" at semester.

Based on conversations what we are looking at is something like:

- Two weeks into first and third quarter, grades will be run checking for D/Fs.
  - Students on the list with two Ds or one F will be required to attend the "Zero Hour Study Hall" on Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 am until the grade is raised.
  - Students will still be eligible for co-curriculars.
  - Students will continue to attend the ZHSH until the grades are improved.
  - Grades will continue to be run every Monday to determine if any student has two Ds or one F through the semester. If they do, they will need to attend the ZHSH.
  - The student may show improvement to their counselor before Wednesday in order not to have to attend ZHSH.
  - Students who do not attend on Wednesday will be ineligible.
- Students will be monitored by the counselors.
- Students will be assigned from NHS to help tutor students in specific content areas.
- If a teacher needs a test/quiz to be made up – this time would be available for students to complete their assignment, even if they did not have poor grades.
- At the quarter, any student who has two Ds or one F will lose eligibility for co-curriculars.
  - This will continue until they no longer have two Ds or one F, as determined by the semester score.
- The Senior Study Hall Privilege is not included in this policy.