



Pursuing victory with respect, honesty and teamwork

Participation in athletics is a privilege and is dependent upon the scholastic and attendance record of the student. Students must follow all rules and regulations established by the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association), CSAA (Central State Activities Association) and Big Rapids Public Schools.

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Student-athletes must attend all scheduled classes (except those during an early team dismissal) to be eligible to participate in that day's practice or contest.

Exceptions are granted in the event of appointments where documentation can be provided for the student's absence (ex: dentist/doctor), or pre-approval of absence through the Athletic Director.

Documentation must be provided for all absences whether pre-approved or same day.

If proper documentation is not provided, the student-athlete will not participate that day, practice or game.

**In the event of unforeseen circumstances, student-athletes must contact the athletic department as soon as possible to discuss absence and will be handled on individual basis.**

Students arriving more than 10 minutes late to class will be considered absent.

Suspensions of any type are violations of this policy.

### **WEEKLY ELIGIBILITY**

Any student-athlete with a cumulative grade below 70% in one or more classes will be considered on warning (W).

Any student-athlete with a cumulative grade below 60% will be considered failing (F). If the student-athlete is failing in one or more classes and was reported as warning the prior week, they will be ineligible to participate in competitions until the next report where the grade has returned to at least minimum warning status.

Ineligibility period starts the immediate Monday through Sunday following the Friday the F was received.

If grade rises to warning during week of ineligibility, the athlete still remains ineligible until the following Monday.

Eligibility is reported to coaches by the end of school on Fridays, or last day of week if shortened week.

When possible, parents/guardians will be notified by an automated courtesy phone call. For confidentiality purposes, the call will report your child is on either warning or failure status and may be ineligible for competition. If you receive such a call, please discuss with your child to determine the class or classes in question. **The responsibility for knowing their grade status lies within the student-athlete.** Contact teachers directly with questions about grade status.

### **TRIMESTER ELIGIBILITY**

Student-athletes must have passed 4 out of 5 classes the previous trimester to be eligible to participate in athletics.

**Refer to student handbook for further athletic policies and procedures.**