
Board of Education Hardyston Township

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Interscholastic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are an addition to the school curriculum intended to involve students in a complete educational program and enhance his/her passage through our school.

Although an important and integral part of our educational offerings, these extra-curricular activities should never take priority or circumvent the prime goal of our school system which is to provide a sound academic direction for our student body.

Participation in school activities is a privilege and will be extended only to those who demonstrate positive qualities of sportsmanship, attitude, cooperation and academic achievement.

II. PRINCIPLES

The following principles will apply to the student eligibility procedure:

- A. Students who participate in school sponsored outside activities are directly responsible and under the control of their coach/advisor and subject to final review by the Administration.
- B. A student who wishes to participate in an extra-curricular activity must:
 - 1) have no unsatisfactory grades (76 and below) in an academic subject for the marking period prior to the beginning of the activity;
 - 2) have a "77" average in all the major academic subjects (Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Spanish I) and a "C" average in all minor subjects (Physical Education, Health, Art, Computers, Family & Consumer Science, Music, World Language).
- C. Students who fall below any of the required averages listed in B 2) above at the reporting dates of October 7, January 7, March 7 and May 7 or at the conclusion of any of the first three marking periods, the student will be given a 10 school day probation period to bring their grade to a passing grade. If at the end of the 10 day probation period the student has failed to bring up his/her grade(s) to passing, he/she will be removed from the activity for ten more school days.
- D. Students may be placed on probation two times during the school year. If a student is assigned probation a third time, he/she will be removed from all activities for the remainder of the year.

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- E. Students participating in a year-long activity such as, but not limited to yearbook, student council, chorus and band, who have any unsatisfactory grades (76 and below) in a subject for the marking period will not be allowed to participate in that activity for the next marking period. They may return to the activity if they have a passing grade the following marking period.
- F. Exceptions could be made for classified students after consultation with all involved parties: teachers, guidance, administration, Child Study Team, and the activity advisor/coach.
- G. Students who wish to participate in an activity are to be in attendance in school for the required four hours of instruction time. This applies to all after school activities. Exceptions for just cause (religious holiday, legal matters) and excused absences must be cleared through the administration who will then inform the coach of the situation.
- H. Any student suspended from school (out-of-school or in-school) will not be permitted to participate in any school activity, including a game for that day.
- I. Students who are scheduled to attend a school sponsored trip while on probation cannot attend said trip unless parent/guardian provided payment.
- J. Students must be in compliance with the district's attendance policy.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

- A. Students must present a properly signed school form from parent or guardian granting approval and permission for participation in such interscholastic activities.
- B. Students must undergo and pass a health physical administered by the appropriately appointed school medical examiner (M.D.) to participate in interscholastic and intramural athletic activities.
- C. Students shall be covered by the school district's interscholastic athletic insurance policy.
- D. No student is to participate unless the above requirements of parent's permission, M.D. physical, and insurance coverage are all acceptable and in force prior to the first practice.
- E. Students shall receive from the school district through the Head Coach such athletic equipment, including uniforms as are appropriate to the sport. Students and their parents are fully responsible for the care and maintenance of this equipment; damage because of negligence, loss (even if by misplacing or theft), shall not relieve the student/parent from the obligation of paying for the replacement of such equipment.
- F. Students must present a properly signed Participation Contract prior to participating in any after school activity.

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular Activities: After school activities supervised by faculty members may be open to district residents of appropriate age who do not attend Hardyston Township School providing that those public School students who wish to participate are accommodated.

The administrator shall determine the maximum enrollment for each activity.

A request in writing must be made to the Superintendent by the parent/guardian for participation in after school activities. Acceptance or rejection of the request will also be made in writing.

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:5-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Law Against Discrimination
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-3	Voluntary associations regulating conduct of student activities; membership; rules and regulations; appeals
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:19-14	Funds derived from pupil activities
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-20	Participation in courses in which verbalization unessential to understanding of subject matter; location of and children in bilingual programs
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:42-5, -6	Certain student organizations declared harmful ...
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:13A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:7-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Managing for Equality and Equity in Education
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-3.2	Career education and counseling
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9-5.19	Athletics personnel
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-2.2	Required health services
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-9.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Athletics Procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-14.1	Review of mandated programs and services

20 U.S.C.A. 4071-4074 - Equal Access Act

20 U.S.C.A. 1681 et seq. - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Krupp v. Bd. of Ed. of Union County Reg. H.S. Dist. #1, 278 N.J. Super. 31 (App. Div. 1994) cert. den. 140 N.J. 277 (1994)

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 U.S. 2093 (2001)

NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

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PARTICIPATION CONTRACT **For All School Activities**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child is interested in joining a school activity, a physical examination form is required and must be filled out by your doctor (or school physician) along with this form signed by you and your child which states that you and your son/daughter are aware of the school eligibility policy (attached). All students participating in a school sport or activity must abide by all of the guidelines set forth. It is important that both the parents and students understand that participating in an extracurricular activity is a privilege. Students on a sport or club are expected to represent the Hardyston Middle School in a positive, cooperative and respectful manner. We ask that all students follow the student conduct policy (stated in the Student/Parent Handbook, page 20) and treat each other with respect and understand that continued participation depends upon good character and the maintenance of passing grades.

Below are the guidelines of the eligibility policy:

- A. Students who wish to participate in an extra-curricular activity must: 1) have no failures in an academic subject for the marking period prior to the beginning of the activity; 2) have a "77" average in all the major academic subjects (Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Spanish I) and a "C" average in all minor subjects (Physical Education, Health, Art, Computers, Family & Consumer Science, Music, World Language).
- B. Students who fall below any of the required averages listed in A above at the reporting dates of October 7, January 7, March 7 and May 7 or the conclusion of any of the first three marking periods will be given a 10 school day probation period to bring their grade to a passing grade. If this does not occur, they will be removed from that activity. If at the end of the 10 day probation period the student has failed to bring up his/her grade(s) to passing, he/she will be removed from the activity for ten more school days.
- C. Students may be placed on probation two times during the school year. If a student is assigned probation a third time, he/she will be removed from all activities for the remainder of the year.
- D. Students participating in a year-long activity (such as band or chorus) who have failed a subject for the marking period will not be allowed to participate in that activity for the following marking period. They may return to the activity if they have all passing grades for the marking period thereafter.
- E. Students who wish to participate in an after school activity must be in accordance with the districts Attendance policy. This applies to both a practice, a game or any type of after school activity. Exceptions may be found in the full policy.
- F. Any student suspended from school (OSS or ISS) will not be permitted to participate in any school activity, including a game for that day.

The full eligibility policy can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook on page 27, as well as the appeal process procedures and any exceptions to the guidelines.

I understand and fully accept all eligibility procedures and guidelines. By providing by signature below, I will be able to participate in a school sport or activity in accordance with Hardyston Board of Education Policy 6145.

Student Signature / Date

Parent Signature / Date