

# FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY PROCESS (Revised 8/13/18)

We believe that it is very important to identify students as soon as their academic progress drops below a passing grade. The intent and goal of this process is to assist, encourage, and motivate students to succeed in their classes and get support whenever it is needed.

## **Eligibility Process:**

The eligibility process will affect all students participating in school sponsored co-curricular activities.

To be eligible, each participant is expected to maintain a passing grade in every course for which he/she is enrolled, as determined by:

- the end of the quarter grading system
- the mid-quarter grade check

It is each parent and student's responsibility to be aware of their academic standing at all times. Students and parents are expected to check PowerSchool on a regular basis and check with teachers if in doubt of their passing status.

## **Process for students of the class of 2019, 2020:**

For students of the class of 2019 and 2020, passing status is a grade of 70 or higher, which is required to participate in co-curricular activities.

## **Process for students of the class of 2021 and beyond:**

For the class of 2021 and beyond, passing status means that students must maintain an average score of at least 70 on all standards in all classes and must maintain an average score of at least a 76 in Habits of Work in all classes. Students that have failing grades in one or more courses during the previous quarter or mid-quarter grade check, will be placed on **academic probation**.

If a student becomes passing by the end of the school day on Monday, the day in which probation begins, the student will NOT be placed on probation.

Once placed on **academic probation**, the student's eligibility status will be determined on a week-to-week basis. If, after a FULL week of probation, a student has brought their grade back to a passing status the student will be removed from probation and may return to full participation for all team/club activities.

While on **academic probation**, the student will NOT be eligible to participate in games/meets/contests/performances, but is still expected to practice and abide by existing school/team/club/activity rules and regulations. Students are expected to attend, but may not dress in uniform for games / meets / contests / performances. Students are also expected to see the teacher for extra help. Students needing extra academic support may be excused from attending games while on academic probation.

After the first week of academic probation, if the student's grade has not been brought up to a passing status, the student will be placed on **academic suspension**.

While on **academic suspension**, students are ineligible, and may not participate in any team/activity/club activities in any form. Students may not practice, attend practice, participate in games / meets / contests / performances, travel to away events on the team bus, sit with the team on the bench, or attend any team functions.

Once placed on **academic suspension**, the student's eligibility status will be determined on a week-to-week basis. If, after a FULL week of academic suspension, a student has brought their grade back to a passing status, the student will be removed from academic suspension and may return to full participation for all team / club activities.

Students who have failing grades in one or more classes during the fourth quarter of the previous spring will be placed on **academic warning** at the beginning of the new school year. If, at the end of the first full two weeks of school, the student is failing one or more courses, the student will be placed on academic probation. The same probation and suspension process outlined above will be followed.

## **For all students:**

- After each grade check, the Athletic Administrator will email parents and students on academic probation or academic suspension of his/her status. The students and parents will be clearly informed with regard to their eligibility status and the means by which they may be reinstated to full participation.

- The Athletic Administrator will remain in contact with each coach to ensure that no ineligible player is allowed to participate.
- Athletes may not be removed from academic probation or suspension without direct notification from the Athletic Administrator. Students must obtain teacher signatures verifying a passing status. These signatures must be returned to the Athletic Administrator for final verification.
- Each course is treated separately for eligibility.
- Unless there are extenuating circumstances, all incomplete grades will be treated as a failing grade.
- Unless there are extenuating circumstances, students withdrawing from a class with a failing grade will be ineligible to participate in any co-curricular activity for a two week period.