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ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Athletic-Academic Eligibility Policy

Current Board policies address the academic eligibility requirements for student-athletes. The below policies will be utilized to ensure student-athletes are focused on their academic success.

Policy 2430 – Co-Curricular Activities

To paraphrase, this states that if a student is failing two courses at the end of a marking period, they will be placed on academic probation and must attend study hall. To become eligible in the next marking period, they must attend the required study halls and are no longer failing two courses. If a student is failing 3 or more courses, they are immediately ineligible for the next marking period.

The updated plan will move the eligibility checks to each Interim Report and marking period Report Card, a total of eight for the academic year.

- If at the IR point, a student is shown to be failing two courses, they will be placed on academic probation and required to attend mandatory study hall/tutoring. They are still eligible to participate and compete on their respective teams. If they do not attend study hall/tutoring, they will be removed from competition.
- If at the end of the marking period, they are no longer failing two courses, they will be removed from probation.
- If at the end of the marking period, they fail two courses, they will remain on academic probation and be removed from competition.
- If a student is failing three or more courses at an IR or Report Card, they will be on academic probation and removed from competition. If they fail to attend study hall/tutoring or still fail three or more courses, they will be removed from the program and remain ineligible for future seasons until their grades have improved.
- Counselors will conduct weekly grade checks to monitor student-athletes' progress between these checkpoints.
- These protocols would carry over into the following school year, as well. If a student failed two courses in the 4th marking period, they would begin the next school year on academic probation until the first IR.

This plan provides for more consistent checks on student academic progress and ensures they are keeping up with their workload throughout the school year. It also provides opportunities for student-athletes that may need academic assistance chances for improvement and an eventual return to athletic participation within the school year.

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Policy 2431 – Athletic Competition

To paraphrase, this policy states eligibility requirements set forth by the NJSIAA, as well as the requirements for attendance and athletic participation. Students must maintain a satisfactory record of attendance to be eligible for participation. Attendance is unsatisfactory if the number of unexcused absences exceeds 10% of school days prior to participation. It also states that students who are absent for the school day or are serving a suspension may not participate that day or the length of the suspension.

These policies are already in place and approved by the Board. This information will be shared with all coaches, student-athletes, parents/guardians, and staff prior to the school year and each respective season. The effective use of these current policies would put more emphasis on the student-athlete's current academic status, as well as place more responsibility with the coaches and players.

Professionally,

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