



Academic Eligibility Policy, Requirements and Procedures

Current policy in place for all ISHA sponsored athletics, and activities

It is an Illinois statute that students meet academic requirements in order to be eligible for IHSA competition (No Pass, No Play). All athletes at District 99 must be passing five (5) classes (2.5 credit hours including P.E.). Initial eligibility shall be checked at the beginning of the semester. Any athlete who did NOT pass five classes shall be ruled ineligible for the entire next semester.

Additionally, weekly grade checks shall take place while sports are in season. Athletes must pass five classes each week to be eligible to compete. Those NOT passing five classes shall be suspended for the entire following week. Thus, the grade report on Friday shall be applied to the following Monday-Saturday playing schedule. Athletes who are ineligible due to academics shall be expected to practice and follow all team rules as per the rules and guidelines outlined by each Head Coach.

Additional Rules for the South High School Marching Band, Color Guard, and Winter Guard

None of the competitive activities associated with marching band, fall color guard concurrent with marching band, or winter guard (separate season) are governed by the IHSA. As such the following rules will apply as set down by South High School for the above mentioned competitive activities:

- The standard of passing at least 5 classes for weekly eligibility due to grade status will be remain in effect for marching band and color guard activities during their fall and winter seasons.
- If a student is deemed ineligible on a given Friday, they will begin their ineligible status the following week from Monday through Friday and must remain at home during all weeknight rehearsals and Friday night performances.
- If on the subsequent Friday, the eligibility status report deems them as passing, or as eligible warning, they are permitted to attend a competition scheduled for following Saturday.
- If on the subsequent Friday, the Friday eligibility status report deems them as ineligible for the 2nd week in a row, they are not allowed to attend the competition the following day on a Saturday and will remain ineligible until the next weekly report shows them as eligible warning or higher.

Requirements and Procedures

The following methods of academic support, communication and intervention are deemed appropriate to help students who are listed as eligible warning or ineligible:

- Students may receive peer tutoring from other students in the marching band or color guard regardless of their eligibility status.
- Band Directors will contact parents by e-mail if students are placed on the eligible warning list.
- Band Directors will contact parents by phone if students are placed on the ineligible list and explain the procedures above.
- Band directors may choose to seek help from school counselors, social workers, and/or the Care team for students that are ineligible.
- Band directors must provide a quiet study room (practice room) for students during the 5A resource period for any student deemed ineligible that is enrolled in the resource class.
- Parents are encouraged to e-mail or speak to teachers about grade reports and assignment information as they are permitted to do so at all times.
- Parents may choose to inform band directors about the academic progress of their student while deemed ineligible, but are not required to do so.

The rules and procedures listed above are designed to help students and parents understand that ultimately, it is the student who must shoulder the responsibility to remain eligible for marching band and/or winter guard by completing homework and managing academic pursuits as the primary focus.