

Athletic Eligibility
Adopted by the Board of Education
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4and1/2 Credit Rule

Student must be passing all subjects to file an appeal. The Athletic Director will meet with the student and parent. Student will immediately be on probation. Student must return a progress report weekly. If student fails a class, he is ineligible to play for a minimum two week period and may not return until passing all classes. Student will explore credit recovery option – Twilight Academy. Student must attend Elton Brand Academy 3x per week. There may be no more than two appeals in a school career.

1-failure – Student will attend extra help at least twice per week – coach is to monitor.

2 or more failures – The student must attend extra help sessions in the failed subjects provided by the subject teacher or the Elton Brand Academy - 3x per week. The EBA supervisor or the student's teacher will monitor the extra help attendance. The student may continue to practice with a note from the teacher or the EBA supervisor. When the student is passing these classes and is meeting all obligations he may play after missing a minimum of one contest. During this monitoring period, if the student is reported by a teacher as again failing one of these classes, he will be ineligible to play, but may continue to practice, until the next check point.

RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGE :

It is our intention to give students every opportunity to participate in extra and co-curricular programs. Research has proven that students who regularly participate in extra-curricular activities perform better on average than those who do not. Students who participate in extra and co-curricular activities are closely monitored by the coach for their academic performance. When a student is not allowed to practice due to failures, the coach loses contact. Historically, these students, when prohibited from practice, lose contact with the coach, drop out of the activity, drift away, do not increase study time, and do not improve their academic performance. If they do return to the activity after a long lay-off, the individual's conditioning and safety are compromised. The team also suffers because they may not have a sufficient number of athletes for practice. Some teams have been forced to discontinue play due to an insufficient number of students on the team. Giving the coach greater control over the athlete by requiring the student to practice and to attend our after school academic programs such as EBA, keeps pressure on the student to move in the right direction academically.