

Eligibility Policy

At Depew Middle School, academics come first. We have a proud tradition of having over 50% of our students participating in extracurricular activities. In order to maintain education as our core mission, we have an eligibility policy that promotes our focus on academic success and allows for students interested in activities to redeem themselves through working with their teachers in the courses they may be struggling with. If at the 5, 10, 20, 30, or 40 week mark a student is failing one or more subjects, they will be placed on our eligibility list and be responsible for seeking remediation to bring up their grades to participate in activities. Teachers can petition to have a student removed or added to the eligibility list for the remainder of the marking period.

A student failing one subject at the 5, 10, 20, 30 or 40 week mark will be placed on probationary status and will have to receive remediation, complete the eligibility form and submit it to the Athletic Office every Thursday by noon until the next marking period. Probationary status students can participate.

A student failing two or more subjects at the 5, 10, 20, 30 or 40 week mark will be deemed ineligible for two weeks. They will have to receive remediation, complete the eligibility form and submit it to the Athletic Office every Thursday by noon until the next marking period. If they do this successfully, they will be moved to probationary status in the third week. Ineligible students cannot participate.

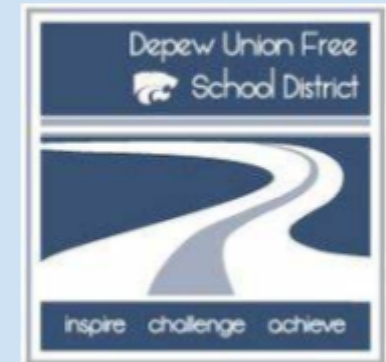
What is Affected?

- All Sports
- All Clubs/Activities
- All Musical Events
- Homecoming Week Activities:
Wall Decorating, Motorcade, Dance, Powder Puff, Bonfire
- Dances Including the Prom
- Senior Picnic
- Overnight Field Trip

VERY IMPORTANT: The Depew vs. Lancaster football game and the homecoming activities prior to it are a source of great pride and tradition to our school community. If a student is interested in participating, it is important that they fully understand this policy right from the beginning of the year so they will be eligible for these events. Asking questions the week of Homecoming will be too late.

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Summary

If failing one or more subjects at the 5, 10, 20, 30, and 40 week mark, you will be put on the eligibility list. If a student is failing one subject, they will be put on probation. If a student is failing two or more, they will be deemed ineligible for two weeks at which time they can earn their way into probationary status if they adhere to the policy.

You will need to pick up an eligibility sheet from the Athletic Office, that will be due every Thursday at noon.

You will need to work with the teachers of the courses you need for remediation at which time they will sign your eligibility form if you meet their requirements.

You will also need to have this sheet signed by all of your teachers to demonstrate you are still in good standing in their class.

If you are on the eligibility list, you must continue to complete this eligibility sheet weekly until the next marking period starts (i.e. 5, 10, 20, 30, 40).

Once you bring your grades up to passing, you are NOT off the eligibility list. You will remain on it until the next marking period as aforementioned.

If you are bringing your grades up, it shows that the policy is working and you will need to continue submitting your eligibility sheet signed every Thursday until you are officially off the eligibility list. The student, parents or teachers do not determine when the child is off the eligibility list, the policy does.

Student Responsibilities

- Read and Understand the Eligibility Policy
- Ask your teachers, counselor, coach, advisor, or administrator if you do not understand something.
- Speak to your teachers about working with them throughout the week. DO NOT wait until Wednesday afternoon and expect that the teachers can work with you immediately.
- Understand that the eligibility policy functions on a weekly basis and that when you turn the completed sheet on Thursday by noon, that affects your eligibility for the following week.

Parent Responsibilities

- Check Parent Portal regularly and make note of what course and teacher your child has that he or she is failing if that should occur.
- Communicate with your child's teachers to stay apprised of their grades.
- Understand the Eligibility Policy is ongoing all year and that your child can NOT just wait until there is an event he or she wants to attend to start adhering to the policy. It will be too late.
- Understand that your child received this pamphlet, the eligibility policy is on the website, your child will hear about it in class meetings, and we will give your child written notification if they are on the list. **Therefore, if your child does not adhere to the policy, extracurricular activities are in jeopardy.**
- Understand that students who failed one or more subjects in the fourth quarter will start the new school year in probationary status unless they passed the classes in summer school.

School Responsibilities

- Distribute the Eligibility Policy both in this pamphlet and on the web site.
- Speak about the Eligibility Policy during class meetings.
- Provide written notification to students when they are placed on the eligibility list.
- Send out an automated call to let parents know when to check the website for grades.
- Eligibility forms will be available in the Athletic Office which will be due at noon every Thursday to determine eligibility for the following week.
- Teachers will be available for remediation.
- Teachers will clearly communicate their expectations about the remediation requirements.

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