

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

CO-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Participation in co-curricular activities should elicit great pride in our students and their families. It is a responsibility demanding extra commitment since students represent their school, teammates, advisors, coaches and community. For this reason, our involved students and their parents are required to sign a statement of commitment indicating they understand these responsibilities. The basic concepts of good citizenship, proper training regulations, and positive attitudes are identified.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Any student who has failing or incomplete grades in two or more subjects is academically ineligible for three (3) weeks from the time of distribution of report cards or interim reports in co-curricular activities, including athletics. The students may practice during this period; however they may not participate in scrimmages or contest. Club members may continue to attend meetings; however, they may not participate in special events (i.e. club-related field trips, musicals, haunted house, etc.) during their period of ineligibility.

Ineligible students are restricted from activities including athletics for prescribed lengths of time as follows.

1. Ineligible consequences may be made up immediately when there have been incomplete grades.
2. Ineligible consequences may be made up after five weeks when there have been failing grades.

A student, who drops out of school and subsequently returns, is ineligible for three weeks. After three weeks, eligibility is regained unless there are two or more failing or incomplete grades.

Students who have failed two or more classes in the fourth quarter of the previous school year are not eligible for fall activities unless they have reduced the number of failing or incomplete grades to less than two. Students may practice; however, they are not eligible to participate in scrimmages or games for three weeks, beginning from the first day of fall practice.

After the prescribed length of time, ineligible students may obtain a reinstatement from the director of athletics or assistant principal. When a teacher indicates on a form that the student's grade is passing for the current marking period, the form is given to the advisor or coach. When the number of failing grades or incomplete grades is not more than one, the student is reinstated.

When a teacher indicates that a student's performance is satisfactory for the first five weeks beginning with the first day of fall practice, the form is given to the advisor or coach. If a number of unsatisfactory comments does not exceed one, the student is reinstated.

Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the principal in writing, in consultation with involved advisor(s) and/or coach(es).

Example:

1. John received a 60 in English and a 55 in Social Studies. John is not eligible for a 3-week period beginning on the date of distribution of report cards.
2. Susan received a 62 in Math and an Incomplete in Science. Susan is ineligible until she makes up her incomplete in Science: this may be done immediately.
3. Gene has a DF (Dropped/Failed) in Social Studies and 60 in English. Gene will be ineligible for at least 3 weeks. The DF counts against Gene until the end of the Social Studies courses: This may be on semester or one full year. The 60 in English restricts Gene from participating for at least 3 weeks. At the end of 3 week, he may become eligible if he is passing English and has no other failing, incomplete or DF grades.
4. Liz has a DF in Business Law and 55 in Physical Education. She is ineligible for at least 3 weeks. The same application of rules applies as Gene above.