

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY**

This policy applies to all students in the Port Byron Central School who are participating in any extra-curricular activity or wish to attend any school-sponsored events. Students that plan to try out for an athletic team, or participate in an extra-curricular activity such as plays, musicals, Masterminds, etc, are subject to this Extra-Curricular Eligibility Code. Failing 2 or more classes at either the 5 or 10 week grading point may earn a student placement in a two week probationary or ineligibility period. Only if all pertinent documents are submitted in a timely manner, and satisfactory progress is being made will the student be allowed to participate. In order to regain or maintain eligibility, students may not be failing more than one class after each report.

### **1. ATTENDANCE STANDARD:**

In order for a student to participate, he/she must be in regular attendance at school all day that the activity is scheduled. During each season/activity, students will receive one warning for an unexcused tardy if they arrive no later than 8:15 AM. If they arrive after 8:15 AM, they will be unable to participate. The Principal may grant permission for the student to be absent under special circumstances as defined by State Law as follows: personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observances, quarantine, required court appearance, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations, and other reasons approved by the Commissioner of Education.

### **2. ACADEMIC STANDARD:**

#### **A. DEFINITION OF PASSING:**

Passing on a report card means a grade of at least 65 percent or, where it applies, a notation of "P". Passing after a period of probation or ineligibility means that a student's remedial work has been of such quality during that marking period that the teacher (in his/her sole professional judgment) believes that the student has achieved the equivalent of a passing grade on a report card. On the Academic Eligibility Report, progress will be either "S" satisfactory (evidence of passing) or "U" unsatisfactory (a lack of evidence of passing). Evidence of passing may be required in all subjects, not only for the classes that the student has failed.

#### **B. ACADEMIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY STATUSES**

##### **1. PROBATIONARY STATUS: FAILING 2 CLASSES**

If a student is failing 2 classes on his/her report card after either a 5-week or 10-week marking period, he/she may be placed on **Probationary Status** for 2 weeks after meeting with the Principal or AP. Note that for eligibility purposes, weeks will run from Wednesdays through Tuesdays. While on probation, the student may continue to practice and participate in events such as games or performances (if meeting certain criteria).

During the probation, the student is to remain with the teachers whose classes he/she is failing, twice a week for each class during both probationary weeks. Teachers will supply the student with an "Extra-Curricular Participation Pass" after attending an after school session. The student must supply the coach/advisor with the pass prior to practice/even in order to participate that day. Failure to provide the coach/advisor with 4 passes during both weeks of probation will result in suspension from the next regularly scheduled contest/event.

### Release from Probation:

On the Tuesday that the probationary period is set to expire, the student must submit the Extra-Curricular Academic Progress Report to the Athletic Office, no later than 3pm. The report should be picked up by the student on Monday. The Extra-Curricular Academic Progress Report is brought by the student to the teachers of the 2 classes the student is failing. The report will be completed by the teachers to indicate either “S” (satisfactory) or “U” (unsatisfactory) academic performance.

- a. If there are satisfactory marks in both subject areas, the student will be removed from probation.
- b. If there is one satisfactory mark and one unsatisfactory mark, the student’s probation will be extended by one week, and the student will stay 2x for the teacher of the class he/she is still failing. The student will need to bring two “Extra-Curricular Participation Passes” to their coach before a practice/event during this week. Failure to do so will result in suspension from the next regularly scheduled contest/event.
- c. If there are unsatisfactory marks in both subject areas, the student will be placed in a 1-week period of ineligibility (may practice, but may not participate in contests/events). The student will continue to stay after school with teachers whose classes he/she is failing, *twice this week for each class during the 1-week period of ineligibility* and obtain an “Extra-Curricular Participation Pass” to present to coach/advisor prior to practice/event. After the 1 week-long period of ineligibility, the student must again submit the Extra-Curricular Academic Progress Report Academic Eligibility Progress Report on Tuesday. The student may be failing no more than one class to return to probationary status and regain his/her eligibility. Failing two or more classes will result in another week-long period of ineligibility, and the process begins again. Receiving three (3) week-long periods of ineligibility in a sports season will result in removal from the team.

### 2. INELIGIBLE STATUS: FAILING 3+ CLASSES

If a student is failing 3 or more classes after either a five-week or ten-week marking period, he/she will be placed on **Ineligible Status 2** for weeks after meeting with the Principal or AP. Note that for eligibility purposes, weeks will run from Wednesdays through Tuesdays. While ineligible, the student may continue to practice but will not participate in events such as games or performances.

During the period of ineligibility, the student must stay with the teachers whose class he/she is failing *at least once per week for each class during both ineligibility weeks. A student failing 3 or more subjects is required to stay after school (for the teacher of a class they are failing) a minimum of 4 times a week and at least once for each class being failed.* Input will be provided by the Principal or AP. Teachers will supply the student with an “Extra-Curricular Participation Pass” after attending each after school session. The student is to supply the coach with the pass

prior to practice/event. Failure to provide the coach with the correct number of passes each week will result in suspension from the next regularly scheduled contest *after* the two-week period of ineligibility expires. The student will sit on the bench in street clothes while ineligible.

Release from Ineligibility:

On the Tuesday that the period of ineligibility is set to expire the student must submit the Extra-Curricular Academic Progress Report to the Athletic Office, no later than 3 pm. The report should be picked up on Monday. In order to regain eligibility, the student can be failing no more than one class as evidenced by the Extra-Curricular Academic Progress Report. An ineligible student may become probationary and regain the privilege to participate in contests/events provided they are failing no more than one class. The student will continue to have teachers fill out this report each week for the remainder of the marking period, returning the report to the Athletic Office no later than 3 pm on Tuesdays. If the student is failing more than one class, the student will be deemed ineligible for another week. The student must remain with the teacher(s) of the class(es) being failed at least once that week and obtain an "Extra-Curricular Participation Pass" to present to coach/advisor. The process will then repeat itself. Receiving two (2) week-long periods of ineligibility in a sports season will result in removal from the team.