

Math and Science Academy

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510.1 EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

I. PURPOSE

The Math and Science Academy (MSA) recognizes that extracurricular and athletic activities enrich the educational experience and social development of students. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. Care must be taken to ensure that these activities do not take precedence over subject matter areas, but remain supplemental to the basic courses. It is desirable that students participate in such activities to the extent that they further their educational and social development. It is important that such participation not jeopardize student academic achievement. The purpose of this policy is to assist MSA in maintaining its educational goals.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. This policy relates to all extracurricular activities, including competitive activities, lettering activities, and student clubs.
- B. This policy applies to students in grades 6 through 12. This policy will be in effect throughout the school year.
- C. Student grades will be checked:
 - Oct 1st
 - Mid-semester (for Semester 1)
 - Dec 1st
 - End of semester 1
 - March 1
 - Mid-semester (for Semester 2)
 - May 1

Starting with the first grade check, students who have D or F grades will be ineligible to participate in any- extracurricular activities and will receive notice of their ineligibility.

- D.** Students who have lost eligibility will not be able to participate in any extracurricular activities; including practices, planning, and events unless they create an academic improvement plan with the MSA Activities Director (Activities Director). Students will remain on the Academic Improvement Plan until the next grade check that is run by the Activities Director, and will be removed from the Academic Improvement Plan only if the student is showing academic improvement to a grade of C- or better in each of the probationary classes.
1. The academic improvement plan will allow the students to participate in extracurricular activities by completing the Academic Improvement Plan and by showing progress (academic improvement) for four or five consecutive weeks (based on the weeks that grades are checked listed in Section II) and by obtaining signatures from teachers involved in the applicable classes requiring improvement.
 2. The plan should be completed every week, by appointment, with the teachers involved in the applicable classes requiring improvement. This is mandatory in order to participate in an extracurricular activity or activities the following week.
 3. Special education students will work with their case manager and the Activities Director to create an academic improvement plan. Special education student will have their academic improvement plans signed by their case manager.
- E.** Grades used to run reports to determine eligibility will be based on the current semester's grades.
- F.** Once a student is on Academic Ineligibility, they will remain on it until the next grade report is run. If a student enrolled in a semester-long class is on Academic Ineligibility for that class at the end of semester one, they will not be on Academic Ineligibility at the beginning of semester two (for that course) because they would be unable to complete the above plan requirements.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A.** Extracurricular activities are defined as having the following characteristics:
1. The activity is sponsored, supervised, or financed by MSA.
 2. Students participating in the activity represent MSA.
 3. The activity is not part of the regular school curriculum and does not take place during the regular school day.
 4. The activity is not graded or offered for credit.
- B.** Extracurricular activities include competitive activities, lettering activities and student clubs.

IV. APPEALS

Appeals will be addressed according to MSA policy 103.

V. NOTICE

This policy shall appear in the student handbook.