

## **Students**

### **Grade Eligibility for Interscholastic Sports**

The Board of Education recognizes the value to students of their participation in extracurricular activities such as athletics, cheerleading and various clubs. The interaction with others to achieve a common goal is but one example of important lifelong skills that extracurricular activities can help a student acquire.

However, the Board considers the education received in academic study to be more important in the development of a self sufficient, contributing member of society. The time and effort spent on extracurricular activities allows less time for academic study. Most students participating in extracurricular activities are able to effectively handle the rigors of classroom work as well as the extracurricular activity. Some are not, even with appropriate parental support.

Thus, the Board of Education will not allow a student to participate in extracurricular athletics, cheerleading or other activities such as newspaper or yearbook unless his or her academic workload is consistent with the requirements stipulated in the Middle School Parent's Handbook, or the High School Handbook and Course of Studies Guide, whichever is appropriate. In addition, a student must receive a passing grade in all courses in which he or she is enrolled at the end of the regular grading period immediately preceding an athletic contest, practice, or activity meeting. This could mean a student would be required to withdraw from an extracurricular activity while it is still on-going. It could also allow a student to join in an on-going activity after improving his/her grades.

This policy is not to be applied to activities not supervised by school staff, student council, class officers, co-curricular activities and attendance at school-wide events such as graduation ceremonies, dances, or sporting events.