

## **5230R ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REGULATION**

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### **I. Academic Eligibility**

Participation in extra-curricular activities offered by the Middle Country Central School District is a privilege. In order to be eligible, students in grades 9-12 must demonstrate responsible effort and involvement in the courses in which they are enrolled. "Students moving from middle to high school who plan on participating in fall athletics or extracurricular activities will have their grades reviewed and be subject to the terms of this policy"

#### **A. Probationary Status**

1. A student who fails or is denied credit in only one subject during any marking period will be placed on probationary status for participation in extra-curricular activities.
2. Probationary status will limit participation in extra-curricular activities to one activity with respect to athletic teams or student organizations.
3. Probationary status will be terminated in the succeeding marking period when a passing grade has been officially recorded in all subjects.
4. The fourth quarter grades and final grade results will govern the eligibility status for the first marking period in the next academic year.
5. Withdrawal from a course after the fifth week of a marking period will affect eligibility.

#### **B. Roster of Affected Students**

1. Athletic coaches/advisors will be responsible for collecting report cards and submitting an "Academic Clearance Sheet" to their designated administrator listing all students that are on probation and ineligible.
2. Athletic coaches and advisors will give written notification (probationary letter) of probationary status to the affected student, his/her parent(s) or guardian(s), and to appropriate faculty members.

#### **C. Probationary Period**

1. Athletic coaches and advisors will provide students with a Monitoring Report Form to document academic improvement.
2. Monitoring reports will be reviewed on a weekly basis by an administrator to determine eligibility for upcoming week.

3. Students should be counseled to take advantage of extra help, which is available during the school day and after school.

#### D. Exclusion from Participation

1. A student who fails or is denied credit in two or more subjects at the close of a marking period will be excluded from participation in all extra-curricular activities sponsored by the school district for a period to include the succeeding marking period.

If during the subsequent marking period there are try-outs for another activity that the student wishes to attend, the student will be allowed to try out. In order to be allowed to participate S/he must follow the appeal process.

Full participation in the activity will not resume until the full marking period has ended.

2. The student becomes eligible for reinstatement when recorded grades are issued, and the student is no longer failing or denied credit in two or more subjects.

3. The fourth quarter grade results will govern eligibility status for the first marking period in the next academic year. Students who attend summer school and who receive passing grades for subjects failed in the previous year will be reinstated for participation in the fall term with probationary status.

#### E. Fourth Quarter/Final Average Grading

A student will be under "probationary status" if any of the following occurs:

1. A student fails or is denied credit in up to three subjects for the year but passes more than one in summer school.

2. If at the completion of summer school the student still has two or more failing grades or is denied credit in two or more subjects, s/he will need to file for an appeal.

3. Any other combination of circumstances will be adjudicated in the summer by the grade administrator in a manner consistent with the spirit of the provisions outlined above.

#### F. Appeals

A student who is deemed ineligible must for extra-curricular activities will have the right to appeal his/her status as follows:

Level 1 - The parent/guardian may submit an "Appeal Request Form" to the grade administrator within five days of the start of the season or activity. A committee consisting of a building administrator, guidance counselor, coach/advisor and other school personnel as needed will meet to consider the appeal.

Level 2 - If the parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the decision made at Level 1, the parent/guardian may request a review by the principal. The decision of the principal will be final.

- Any student who is granted an appeal is subject to a 10% of extra-curricular schedule suspension from their extra-curricular activity by the appeal committee.

## **II. Attendance and Behavior Eligibility**

Participation in extra-curricular activities sponsored by the school district is a privilege. In order to be eligible, students in grades 9-12 must demonstrate good attendance and an acceptable level of good conduct while in attendance during the school day or at school functions. Participation in extra-curricular activities will be limited to those students who continuously maintain satisfactory attendance and satisfactory deportment as outlined in the Middle Country Central School District Code of Conduct. County, state or national governing bodies of athletics, music and co-curricular activities will complement or supersede the aforementioned standards.