

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

All student-athletes grades 9-12 should be familiar with the eligibility rules required by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA). Copies of all regulations are available in the Athletic Director's office as well as the NJSIAA's website:

www.njsiaa.org

Academic eligibility is an integral part of the entire eligibility process and a student-athlete must meet the standards set forth by the NJSIAA before participation is granted. The regulations are contained within the NJSIAA handbook in the athletic office and must be verified for each student-athlete by the Guidance Department each season.

Below are some of the main points in regards to academic eligibility. For a complete list of guidelines pertaining to athletic eligibility please visit:

www.njsiaa.org

1. To be eligible for the 1st semester (from September 1 to January 31):

A student in 10th grade or above must accumulate a minimum of 30 credits from the previous school year, including make-up work during the summer. (Note that all incoming 9th graders are declared academically eligible to participate in fall and winter sports)

2. To be eligible for the 2nd semester (from February 1 to the end of the school year):

A student from 9th grade or above must accumulate a minimum of 15 credits from the first semester.

A student declared academically ineligible for the start of spring sports (failed to earn the minimum 15 credits necessary during the first semester) may regain their eligibility as of May 1st if they have earned a minimum of 22.5 credits (the equivalent of the minimum of 30 credits required for the year) by that time. (approved by NJSIAA in December 2011).

3. A student may not have reached the age of 19 prior to September 1.
4. Students may only participate in athletics for 8 consecutive semesters following the student's enrollment in ninth grade.
5. Students who become ineligible because of semester grades may finish the current athletic season.

