

Athletic Eligibility

Eligibility Rules for Riverside High School

1. The athletic director will determine eligibility for student athletes each grading period. All other co-curricular eligibility will be determined by the advisor.
2. If a student enrolled in high school attains the age of 19 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in high school interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year.
3. If a student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 attains the age of 15 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in 7-8th grade interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year.
4. In order to be eligible in grades 9-12, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding grading period. **During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count towards graduation and must have earned a 1.75 grade point average or higher.**
5. A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in 75% of those subjects in which the student received grades and must have earned a 1.75 grade point average or higher.
6. The eligibility of a student continues until the fifth school day of the next grading period. At this time, eligibility is determined by the grades earned during the preceding grading period.
7. An ineligible student (for academic reason) may practice his/her co-curricular activity or practice with a team as agreed upon by the coach, player and parents/guardians, but may not participate in competition or performances.
8. Summer school and other educational options may not be used to substitute for failure to meet the academic standards during the last grading period of the school year.
9. Every student who tries out for a team must have passed a physical examination by a physician. Physical cards may be obtained in the school office and these cards must be completed and dated by a physician and returned to the athletic director before the opening day of the sport.
10. Athletic participants must carry either school insurance or have a waiver form signed by a parent/guardian.
11. Students in grades 7 - 12 participating on a team sport must pay a Board of Education approved participation fee before the first contest. Fees are subject to change by act of the Board of Education.
12. Students must follow all rules and regulations established by OHSSA, Premier Athletic Conference (PAC), The Riverside Campus administrators and staff, and the Board of Education.
13. Students must demonstrate sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity as a representative of The Riverside Campus. Extra-curricular participation is a privilege, not a right.

Attendance

1. A student must be in school to practice, compete, or perform. If a student is not well enough to attend school, he/she is not well enough to participate any co-curricular events. Students who are not in attendance for their scheduled day may forfeit their right to participate in the co-curricular activity. Exceptions to this are excused school trips and appointments that are approved in advanced by the athletic director, principal, or his/her designee.
 2. If a student is truant from an assigned class period(s), he/she forfeits his/her opportunity to perform, or compete in the next scheduled event after which the administration becomes aware of the truancy.
 3. Students may not compete, perform, or practice on days of an out-of-school suspension. Students may not attend an event on the days of an out-of-school suspension.
 4. Students are expected to be in all classes the day after a contest or competition.
 5. It is inevitable that some practices, performances, events, and games will be scheduled during school vacation times. It is an expectation that each participating student will dedicate him/herself to their co-curricular activities and meet his/her coaches expectations.
 6. Students suspended from co-curricular activities are expected to remain as part of the team or group unless otherwise stated by the Principal or his/her designee. Due to the diversity of co-curricular activities, it will be up to the advisor or coach to determine what level of involvement the student will have in the group and whether or not the student will be required to attend all contests and activities. Members of athletic teams may be required to attend all contests, practices, and team activities and be a non-participant during the time of their suspension. Athletes not in attendance at a contest or activity will not have the contest counted as one of the suspension contests.
 7. Students displaying a pattern of habitual tardiness to a specific class will be referred to the high school principal and will not be allowed to practice or compete until the situation is resolved.
 8. All rehearsals, practices, and meetings must be supervised by a coach/advisor and must conclude by 10:00 p.m.
 9. Pupils not under the supervision of school personnel should leave the building by 2:40 p.m.
 10. All events and dates must be approved by the principal and posted on the school calendar in the office one week prior to the event.
 11. Social events sponsored by school groups after athletic events (e.g. football and basketball games) must end by 11:30 p.m.
 12. No events may be scheduled under the school name at private homes, business establishments, or other places unless approved by the Principal or his/her designee.
- Any questions or concerns contact the Athletic Director at 440.358.8330

State requirement : “ ... have received passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. See: <http://www.ohsaa.org/eligibility/EligibilityGuideHS.pdf>