

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding High School Athletics:

What if I sleep in 1st period and bring a note excusing my absence? Will I still be able to go to practice or a game?

NO. You will not be able to practice. Students must be in school ALL DAY to participate. (exceptions include: family emergencies, pre-arranged doctor/dentist appts., and school related field trips.)

What if my daughter decides to drop her English class half-way through second semester? Will she still be eligible?

MAYBE. As long as she is still attempting 2.5 credits (5 full classes), she is fine. If she drops below 2.5 credits she would not be eligible for the current semester AND the next following semester. Helpful hint: have your student talk to the AD before dropping a class!

Am I still academically eligible if I fail one class?

IT DEPENDS. If you are taking 6 full classes, then yes—you are still academically eligible with 1 F (still passing 2.5 credits). If you are only taking 5 classes, you must pass all 5. If you are a senior (on track to graduate) you may take 4 full classes (2.0 credits), but must pass all 4.

If my son attends full time running start, does he have to do anything different for eligibility?

YES. Before he will be cleared to compete, he must submit a **Running Start Contract**. This is the same for Running Start, Homeschool, and eLearning Students. (contracts can be downloaded from www.wiaa.com or see your athletic secretary of building AD for a copy.)

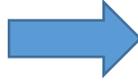
How do I make sure I'm cleared to compete in the first game or match?

- Submit eligibility paperwork electronically at www.rankonesport.com
- Pay Participation Fee
- Purchase an ASB card
- Pay all school fines
- Complete required number of practices
- Make sure physical does not expire during season (good for 2 years).

What happens if my daughter attended a party over the weekend where kids were drinking, but she was not. Has she violated the athletic code?

YES. This is what your daughter signed: "I realize it is my responsibility to remove myself immediately, beyond all reasonable doubt and proximity, from the situation"
"I further understand that I may be excluded from participation if I engage in criminal acts or other serious misconduct such as harassment, bullying, hazing, fighting, or cheating" --ESD Athletic Code

My son said that athletes can be disciplined for actions off campus or outside of school. Is this true?



YES. Our school district holds student-athletes to a higher standard of behavior.

If an athlete's choices/actions become a distraction to the team or interfere with what the team is trying to accomplish, they may be disciplined. (at school or away from school).

--ESD Athletics Handbook

My friend tweeted a negative comment about a player on the opposing team after our last game. She was just suspended from the team for 2 weeks. Can the coach do this?



YES. Student-athletes can be disciplined for what they post on Social Media sites. Once again, if it detracts from the positive direction of the team, the athlete may be disciplined.

We all need to work together to help educate our students about how to use social media.

My daughter suffered a concussion last week, but has just been cleared by her doctor. I gave the note to her coach. Is she now cleared to play?



NO, she is not cleared to play. When she returns with a note from the doctor, this enables her to begin a "Return to Play Plan" with our Athletic Trainer. The school trainer will set up this plan for your daughter that will be a gradual process of returning to play.

NO. If you take summer school to "erase" an F from a previous semester, it must be the same class. If you fail algebra 2, you will have to take algebra 2 over the summer.



If I fail algebra 2nd semester, can I take geometry in summer school and be eligible for fall sports?