



MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Grades 7-8

Responsibilities of Parents and Student-Athletes

- Must adhere to all North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and CMS athletic eligibility regulations. The failure of school personnel, parents or a student-athlete to be aware of a rule is not sufficient cause to set aside the application of the rule.
- Must sign all CMS required athletic eligibility participation forms.
- Must provide proof of medical or accident insurance.
- Must pay the participation fee (\$75 per sport season) or meet the waiver criteria when named to the team roster. The participation fee does not guarantee playing time.
- Must receive a medical examination each year (395 days) by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
- Must attend a required pre-season meeting at the school prior to the sports season (fall, winter, spring).
- Must not accept prizes, merchandise, money or any item that can be exchanged for money as a result of athletic participation.
- May not, as an individual or as a team, practice during the school day or on a Saturday or Sunday.
- May only attend summer camps to which the athlete or his/her parents pay the fees.

Athletic Eligibility Requirements

Only students in grades 7-12 may participate in interscholastic athletic competition (State Board of Education Regulation). No student may be eligible to participate at the middle school level for a period lasting longer than four (4) consecutive semesters beginning with the student's entry into the seventh grade. The principal shall have evidence of the date of each player's entry into the seventh grade and monitor the four



(4) consecutive semesters. In order to qualify for public school participation, a student must meet the following requirements, but is not limited to the following requirements:

7th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must meet local promotion standards• A student who is promoted from the sixth grade to the seventh grade automatically meets the requirements for the <u>first semester</u>.• Must have earned a *2.0 GPA from the previous semester (beginning second semester)• Must have passed a **minimum load of work during the previous semester (beginning second semester)• Must be currently enrolled in at least one-half of the minimum academic course load• Must be in attendance at school for at least one-half of the instructional day• May participate at the school where he/she is enrolled• Shall not participate if he/she becomes 15 years of age on or before August 31 of said school year.
8th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must meet local promotion standards• Must have earned a *2.0 GPA from the previous semester• Must have passed a **minimum load of work during the previous semester• Must be currently enrolled in at least one-half of the minimum academic course load• Must be in attendance at school for at least one-half of the instructional day• May participate at the school where he/she is enrolled• Shall not participate if he/she becomes 15 years of age on or before August 31 of said school year.



<p>Exceptional Children (Grades 7-12)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2.0 eligibility rule will be waived if (1) I.E.P. goals are being met; (2) satisfactory progress is being made in mainstreamed classes, and (3) has the principal's recommendation.
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*For athletic eligibility, GPA is calculated using the semester grade on the report card for year-long classes and the final grade on the report card for semester classes. (CMS Board Policy JJJ)

***Middle School:** For athletic eligibility, minimum load of work is defined as passing six out of eight courses in the A/B format of block scheduling during the traditional school day.

Specific questions can be directed to Lee Catchpole, Athletic Director at (leea.catchpole@cms.k12.nc.us)

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Go Tigers!