

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOL

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| POLICY Extracurricular Activity Eligibility | CMS/NEPN Code: JJJ |
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All students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools are encouraged to seek and maintain the highest possible academic achievement. Extracurricular activities are recognized as an important and beneficial adjunct to the educational experiences of students. However, first priority must be given to their academic performance.

All students in middle school and high school, except first semester students initially entering the seventh or ninth grade, must have earned a grade point average of 2.0¹ for the preceding semester to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities. A student may participate in a school-sponsored extracurricular activity only if (1) the student is currently enrolled in at least one-half of the minimum academic course load, and (2) the student was in attendance at school that day for at least one-half of the instructional day.

Additional CMS requirements related specifically to athletic eligibility are found in policy JFACA and its accompanying regulation JFACA-R. Students must also meet eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics established by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA, www.nchsaa.org).

Eligibility of students in the programs for exceptional children (“EC students”) will be determined in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines. EC students may have the GPA requirement waived provided they have a current I.E.P. and their I.E.P. goals are being met.

A student suspended from school (OSS) for conduct that constitutes a violation of Board policy and/or school rules will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities during the length of suspension.

Any student subject to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s eight-semester rule who (1) is convicted of a crime classified as a felony under North Carolina or federal law, or (2) is adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult, is not eligible to participate in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association’s sports program from the date of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency through the end of the student’s high school career. Pending appellate or other post-conviction review of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency does not affect the student’s immediate ineligibility.

¹ 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.

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Legal Reference: N.C.G.S. §115C – 47(4); State Board of Education Policy HRS-D-001; Rules of the NC High School Athletic Association

Cross Reference: JFAC, JFAC-R, JFACA, JFACA-R, JHBB, JHBB-R