

## **Responsibilities of Parents and Student-Athletes**

- Must adhere to all North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) and CMS athletic eligibility regulations.
- Must sign all NCHSAA and CMS required athletic eligibility participation forms.
- Must provide proof of medical or accident insurance.
- Must pay the participation fee (\$100 per sport season) or meet waiver criteria prior to the first contest in each sport season.
- Student-athlete must receive a health screening each year (365 days) by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
- Must attend a required pre-season meeting at the school prior to sport season (fall, winter and/or 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.
- May only attend summer camps to which the athlete or his/her parents pay the fees.

## **Athletic Eligibility**

Only students in grades 7-12 may participate in interscholastic athletic competition (State Board of Education Regulation). In order to qualify for public school participation, a student-athlete must meet all state and local eligibility requirements.

- Additional athletic eligibility requirements can be found at [www.nchsaa.org](http://www.nchsaa.org)

## **High School Athletics (Grades 9-12)**

- No student may be eligible to participate at the high school level for a period lasting longer than eight (8) consecutive semesters, beginning with the student's entry into the ninth grade or participation on a high school team, whichever occurs first. For students who skip the ninth grade and advance directly to the 10<sup>th</sup> from the eighth, the year prior to entering the 10<sup>th</sup> grade is considered the first year of entry into ninth grade for athletics. The principal shall have evidence of the date of each player's entry into ninth grade. The North Carolina cumulative record is sufficient.
- Student-athletes establish a "sports school" at which they are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. The sports school for new students and 9<sup>th</sup> graders is the school in

which the student is enrolled on the first day of school. Students must also meet the requirements set out below.

- For other students, the sports school will *usually* be either the school attended in the previous year or the student’s home school. There are exceptions to this general rule. Contact the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Athletics Department for detailed information at (980) 343-6980.

### **Athletic Eligibility Requirements for Participation (Grades 9-12)**

<b>9<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet local promotion standards</li> <li>• Must have earned a 2.0 GPA from previous semester</li> <li>• Must have 85% attendance from previous semester</li> <li>• Must have passed a minimum load of work during the previous semester *</li> <li>• Must be currently enrolled in at least one-half of the minimum academic course load.</li> <li>• Must be in attendance at school for at least one-half of the instructional day</li> <li>• Shall not participate if he/she becomes 19 years of age on or before August 31 of said school year</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Rules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A student-athlete who changes schools after establishing a sports school, unless the new school is the student’s home school, is ineligible for 365 days. (A “home school” is the school that serves the area where the student lives.)</li> <li>• A student-athlete is prohibited from playing the same sport at two schools during the same sport season, even if the second school is the student’s home school.</li> </ul>
<b>Exceptional Children (Grades 9-12)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

**\*High School:** For athletic eligibility purposes, a minimum load is defined as passing a minimum of three out of four on a 4 x 4 format (or six out of eight courses in the A/B format) of block scheduling during the traditional school day.

**\*NOTE:** Senior student-athletes not enrolled in a full load during a semester must meet minimum load requirements to be eligible to participate in athletics the following semester. (A student-athlete must be enrolled in and pass the minimum load requirement from fall semester to be eligible to compete in a winter and/or spring sport.)