

## **551 ACTIVITY ACADEMIC INELIGIBILITY AND PROBATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to define the method for determining whether a student is academically eligible to participate in school activities. The activities include but are not limited to the following:

Baseball	Basketball	Cross Country	Tennis
Track and Field	Cheerleading	Golf	Softball
Volleyball	Plays/Musicals	F.F.A.	Football
Gymnastics	Wrestling	Marching Band	Robotics
Pep Band	Musical Ensembles	Knowledge Bowl	Speech

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. It is the intention of this policy to stress the value of a sound academic record and graduate on time from Pipestone Area Schools. The Activities director will inform the high/middle school staff, coaches, and the building principal of students that are ineligible.
  
- B. The Minnesota State High School League policy states that to be eligible for participation in MSHSL activities, one must be making satisfactory progress towards graduation. Our goal is to develop the total student in all of our programs. This requirement will emphasize to students the alignment with Policy 510 – School Activities, and our beliefs in the value of co-curricular activities.

### **III. STANDARDS**

- A. Standards of academic eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities will be measured by:
  - 1. Students (Grades 7-12) must have no incomplete grades or F's in any class.
  - 2. Four grading periods- most current grading period is used to determine eligibility.  
-1st quarter -2nd quarter -3rd quarter -4th quarter
  - 3. Fourth quarter grades will roll over for the following school year.

## **IV. CONSEQUENCES**

### **A. Athletics (Category I Activities)**

1. Students that fail to meet these standards will miss two weeks or two contests (whichever is longer).
2. If after two weeks/two contests, the student is meeting expectations (completed progress form signed by all teachers) he/she will regain their eligibility.

### **B. Activities/Fine Arts (Category II Activities)**

1. Students shall miss the next one event/contest he/she participates in.
2. If after the event/contest, the student is meeting expectations completed progress form signed by all teachers) he/she will regain their eligibility.

\* If at any time a student makes up work for the previous quarters failed class(s) the student becomes immediately eligible once the grade change has been recorded and corrected.

C. Any player deemed ineligible to participate, regardless of reason, whether academic, chemical violation, coach's decision, etc. cannot dress for the contest/s they are ineligible for. Furthermore, the coach determines whether or not the ineligible player can go to away contests.

D. ICU List – Students on the ICU list are subject to missing practice and/or contests until their assignments are completed. Coaches will use discretion when mandating students complete their ICU assignments. Multiple supports are available to students including study sessions before, during and after school.

E. Administration has discretion over unique or extenuating circumstances.

## **V. APPEAL POLICY**

A. Students have the right to appeal their academic ineligibility. Any student who chooses to appeal their Academic Ineligibility should do so within 3 days after grades have been posted. Appeals should be made to the Activities Director in writing.

1. A committee consisting of an administrator, teacher, and counselor will review the appeal.
2. The committee will make a decision within two (2) days after hearing the appeal.