

## STUDENTS

### Extracurricular Activities Enrollment/Academic Eligibility

**SCHOLARSHIP:** In order to maintain extracurricular activity eligibility during the current semester, the student shall maintain passing grades in a minimum of **five (5)** full-time subjects in high school or five (5) full time subjects in middle school in a 6 period class schedule or six (6) full time subjects in middle school in a 7 period class schedule with an overall 2.0 GPA in all subjects taken. (Any class taken one period daily for the duration of the semester shall be considered a full-time subject.)

A student shall have passed at least five (5) full-time subjects in high school or five (5) full time subjects in middle school in a 6 period class schedule or six (6) full time subjects in middle school in a 7 period class schedule with an overall 2.0 GPA in the immediately preceding semester in order to be eligible for extracurricular participation in the following semester **with the exception upon first entry into high school at first semester of ninth grade.** **For the first semester of ninth grade in high school, the student shall meet the passing six (6) of (7) seven or passing five (5) of six (6) full-time subjects in middle school requirement only. First semester ninth grade students will also be subject to grade checks at mid-quarter and quarter and must earn a 2.0 to continue to be eligible. First semester ninth grades students who meet the WIAA requirement - but not the KSD 2.0 GPA requirement - are not eligible for varsity competition.\*** The record at the end of the semester shall be final, except for those credits earned in a regular accredited summer school program and accepted by the school district.

Incompletes may be made up for credit during the first five (5) weeks of the subsequent semester. The student shall be ineligible for extracurricular participation until the incomplete(s) are cleared.

A student who has been in regular attendance at least fifteen (15) weeks of the previous semester, but who failed to make the grade requirements above, shall be placed on probation. The probation period for high school students shall be from the end of the previous semester through the last Saturday of September in the fall and the first five (5) weeks of the succeeding semester. The probation period for middle school students shall be during the first three (3) weeks of the succeeding semester. If, at the end of the probation period, the student is passing in at least five (5) full-time subjects in high school or five (5) full time subjects in middle school in a six (6) period class schedule or six (6) full time subjects in middle school in a 7 period class schedule with an overall 2.0 GPA, he/she may then be reinstated for extracurricular participation. Each student is eligible on the Monday after the last Friday in September, or on Monday of the sixth week in succeeding semesters for high school and Monday of the fourth week for middle school. (In the event of a school holiday, three or more teaching days shall constitute a week.)

**ENROLLMENT:** In order to participate in extracurricular activities, students must be enrolled in at least five (5) subjects at the high school level and six (6) classes at the middle school level. Students must be enrolled in courses planned to ultimately complete graduation requirements.

**HOME BASED INSTRUCTION STUDENTS:** Home based instruction students are required to file a Declaration of Intent to Home School with Kennewick School District (Policy 3114) and meet the same academic eligibility standards required of all students. Acceptable documentation must be provided to the school administration regarding subjects and grades.

**ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS:** The superintendent shall arrange a fair hearing process, consistent between the secondary schools, in order to review and make recommendations regarding the eligibility problems of students with special educational difficulties and/or rules violations (Regulation 3550.1).

**PENALTIES:** Any violation of this policy may result in forfeiture of the affected game(s).

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\*The KSD will run a two-year pilot study (2007-08 and 2008-09) with incoming freshmen, tracking those who do not have a 2.0 GPA (and would not have been eligible to participate in athletics) to determine if being involved in athletics helps them connect to high school and improve their academic performance.