

**SUBJECT: JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

The Cato-Meridian School is proud to provide opportunities and privileges to students, including but not limited to the following:

- a) Athletic teams.
- b) Field trip opportunities that are not part of required coursework.
- c) Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities.

In order to participate in these opportunities, students must first be successful academically. Therefore, any student receiving two (2) failing grades will be deemed academically ineligible from all above listed activities for the week following the determination. The following details will further elaborate:

- a) Performance based upon pass/fail for the week immediately preceding the rating will be indicated on a sheet to be turned in by each teacher on Friday morning and submitted to the Junior Senior High Secretary/Athletic Assistant. Any grade below 65 is reflective of a failing grade. Teachers have the discretion to allow a student to maintain eligibility based on effort and participation in afterschool sessions. In addition, students with disabilities and BOCES students will be given additional opportunities for support. Our goal is to guide students into successful eligibility. Efforts will be made to communicate with students and families regarding academic standing.
- b) The list will be collated and posted each Monday by 8 a.m., and the ineligibility as determined by this list will be effective for one (1) week from Monday to Monday at 8:00 am.
- c) Athletic ineligibility will mean that the student will be expected to practice with the team, but will not be permitted to participate in any athletic contest during that time period.
- d) An ineligible student will be allowed to participate in only those field trips that are a required part of the coursework for a specific class, and for which follow-up in the classroom is provided. Each respective teacher will inform the principal's office when such conditions exist.
- e) Students who fail two or more courses for the last marking period will be ineligible for two weeks in August/September (three weeks if summer school is needed yet the student chooses not to attend or fails multiple courses in summer school). For the purpose of extra-curricular activities that begin prior to September, the ineligibility will begin when the activity (season) begins.
- f) Passing a course in summer school will erase any pending ineligibility period in September only for that course.
- g) Appeals to the principal must be in writing and can only be made/upheld if the student substantiates that an error was made in the calculation of the grade.
- h) The superintendent or his/her designee has final authority to determine eligibility status for activities or situations not delineated under this policy.
- i) This Policy is applicable to students in grades 7 through 12.