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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS-EUROPE
ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY**

- Reference: (a) DoDEA Manual 2740.2, "DoDEA Interscholastic Athletic Program"
August 19, 1997
(b) Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Academic Eligibility Policy May 18, 2001.

A. PURPOSE:

This memorandum updates reference (a) and (b) for administrative changes within DoDDS Europe. It clarifies and establishes the academic eligibility policy for student participation in DoDDS Europe extra-curricular activities and in the DoDDS-Europe Interscholastic Athletic Program (IAP). The purpose of this policy is to ensure uniformity, promote good sportsmanship, and achieve sound educational objectives within the DoDDS Europe IAP and extra-curricular programs.

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

The requirements of this program apply to all DoDDS Europe schools and offices.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. Interscholastic Athletic Program (IAP): Any school/DoDDS sponsored program that provides opportunity for students to participate in an organized athletic/sports program. This may include: Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Soccer, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, JROTC Rifle Team, Softball/Baseball, Swimming.
2. Extra-curricular Activity: Any school/DoDDS sponsored program, club, or event which is not a part of the regular curricular offering, for which no academic grade is assigned, and in which student participation is voluntary.

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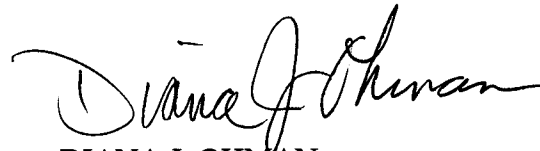
1. Eligibility to participate in interscholastic/extracurricular activities requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 and no more than one failing grade. Semester grades will be used to determine eligibility for the fall and spring sport/activity seasons. First quarter grades will be used to determine eligibility for the winter sport/activity season. This policy will ensure that all students are on track to meet graduation requirements.
2. The initial eligibility for the activity or sport season will be determined by the semester or quarter grades as outlined above.
3. All students will be monitored for D's and F's on a weekly basis throughout the activity or season. Students who have more than one failing grade in the classes in which that are enrolled are ineligible for competition/participation. A student participant who has been identified as being ineligible for three consecutive weeks may be dropped from the team/activity. Grades during the period of monitoring will be cumulative from the beginning of each quarter. If a sport season or activity carries over from one quarter to the next then the quarter grades will be used to determine eligibility for the week following the end of the quarter.
4. All incoming Ninth grade students are eligible for the fall sports/activity season if they are not failing more than one class weekly.
5. Students who participate in activities, for which air travel tickets are purchased, other than athletics, such as Honors Band and Choir and Creative Connections, cannot be declared ineligible within three weeks prior to the event.
6. **STUDENTS WHO DO NOT MEET THE GPA REQUIREMENT:** Students may request reinstatement of eligibility after the first three weeks of ineligibility. This request must be supported by demonstrated academic achievement which meets the basic eligibility requirement of 2.0 GPA and no more than one failing grade.
 - (1) The GPA of students who are reinstated will continue to be monitored every three weeks through the end of the season to ensure students maintain eligibility requirements.
 - (2) Students unable to maintain eligibility after reinstatement will become ineligible for the remainder of the season.
7. Schools may not establish additional eligibility criteria. Schools will provide intervention support services to students who have been identified as having academic difficulty. Examples of these support services include, but are not limited to monitoring sessions, tutoring, before and after school study halls/instruction, etc. This paragraph is intended to establish equity for all students, to include those

transferring to other DoDDS schools and who wish to continue participating in the IAP.

8. Each school is to develop a specific plan for monitoring grade eligibility; however, to achieve uniformity, all schools must complete grade checks by 4 p.m. every Tuesday of each week that interscholastic/activity programs are being held. A student declared ineligible on the Tuesday grade check will be ineligible from Wednesday 8 a.m. through the following Wednesday 8 a.m. A letter of exception to this policy may be submitted to the Area Athletic Coordinator for changing the day. This request must be based upon unique needs.
9. A student declared ineligible may practice but is not authorized to participate in scrimmages, competition, be in school uniform at a scheduled event, or travel with the team/club to any away event.
10. Scholastic eligibility may be waived for students at the discretion of the Principal if the student is identified as "special needs" by the Case Study Committee and the Individual Education Program is on file. All other eligibility requirements such as age, and number of semesters, must be met.

E. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

The requirements of the DoDDS-Europe ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY are effective on June 1, 2003.



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