

## Academic Requirements

1. A student must secure during the last marking period preceding the contest (e.g., second quarter marks determine third quarter eligibility) a grade of 65 or above in four traditional yearlong major courses. In addition, a student's overall average of all yearlong courses must be a C or above.
2. A student cannot at any time represent a school unless that student is taking courses that would be the equivalent of four traditional yearlong major courses.
3. To be eligible for the fall marking period, students are required to have passed four yearlong classes with a 65 or above. In addition, a student's overall average of all yearlong courses must be a C or above. **Students in grades 10, 11, or 12 are eligible for a one-time-only waiver during their high school years. The waiver is applicable if the student does not meet the C average (minimum of 70) on all yearlong courses in the previous academic year. The one-time-only waiver applies to students whose yearlong course average ranged from 65 to 69 in the previous year.** Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders are exempt from academic requirement in the first quarter only.
4. Academic eligibility of all students shall be considered as official and determining only on the published date when the report cards for that ranking period are to be issued to the parents/guardians of all students.
5. Incomplete grades may not count towards eligibility.
6. A student who repeats work upon which he/she once received credit cannot count that subject a second time for eligibility.
7. A student cannot count for eligibility any subject taken during the summer, unless that subject has been previously pursued and failed.

### Rationale:

The district recognizes that the revised policy on Athletes and Participants in School-Related Activities for the 2014-15 represents a shift in the calculation process and that some athlete students may benefit from a one-time-only waiver.

The waiver will assist students in adjusting to the new process and allowing them the opportunity to play sports if their overall average of all yearlong courses last year fell below the C average. We expect that this waiver will serve as a "reminder" for all athlete students, who are serious about participating in school-sponsored sports, that their academic status is the key to sports eligibility.

To be clear, this waiver is a one-time opportunity for eligible students during their high school years and not a yearly waiver opportunity. It is also important to highlight that the waiver eligibility is for students whose overall averages range from 65 and 69, all within MIAA and WPS passing grades.