

FFSD ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

MSHSAA Academic Standards

All student-athletes must adhere to all MSHSAA academic eligibility rules and regulations (see MSHSAA Handbook). This includes enrollment in 3.5 credits during the semester of participation, and passing of 3.5 credits the previous semester (fall semesters can include up to 1.0 credits from approved summer courses). Please see the Athletic Director for information pertaining to dual enrollment credit or off-campus courses, as they may not count towards MSHSAA eligibility.

FFSD In-Season Academic Procedures

All students participating in MSHSAA-sanctioned activities must meet minimum eligibility requirements set by MSHSAA. The Ferguson-Florissant School District has a high academic expectation for student-athletes. MSHSAA allows schools to set higher academic requirements for eligibility. Since the MSHSAA policy is a semester by semester policy, the District has implemented in-season academic grade checks for student-athletes.

The Athletic Director's Office will generate a grade report for in-season athletics and activities every 2 weeks. The Athletic Director's Office will distribute this grade report list to the in-season coaching staff.

Grade check at the first 2-week cycle in the season:

1. The coach is expected to have a 1-on-1 conference with any student-athlete that has a D or F. The coach will discuss the MSHSAA academic requirements and discuss possible solutions, such as after-school tutoring and/or what is impacting the grade.
2. If any athlete is not passing 3.5 credit hours (7 classes), the coach will meet with the student and discuss the MSHSAA academic requirements. The coach will also discuss what intervention will be implemented to help rectify the situation (possibly mandatory tutoring or a coach's team specific study hall). It is recommended that the coach attempt to make contact with the parent as well. The Athletic Director's Office will mail a letter to the parent regarding the failing grade concern.

Grade check at the second and any remaining 2-week cycles in the season:

1. The coach is expected to have a 1-on-1 conference with any student-athlete that has a D or F. The coach will discuss the MSHSAA academic requirements and discuss possible solutions, such as after-school tutoring and/or what is impacting the grade.
2. If any athlete is not passing 3.5 credit hours (7 classes), the coach will meet with the student and discuss the MSHSAA academic requirements. The coach will also discuss what intervention will be implemented to help rectify the situation (possibly mandatory tutoring or a coach's team specific study hall). It is recommended that the coach attempt to make contact with the parent as well. The Athletic Director's Office will mail a letter to the parent regarding the failing grade concern. Students not passing 3.5 credit hours (7 classes) on the second grade reporting cycle will be placed on "Academic Probation."

Academic Probation

Any student placed on “Academic Probation” will be required to attend tutoring (weekly hours equal to the number of Fs). Students will have one week from the grade reporting cycle to complete their mandatory hours and show improvement in his/her grade and will have until Friday of each week to complete their weekly hours while they are on the “Academic Probation.” A student that is passing 3.5 credit hours (7 classes) may be cleared from Academic Probation through a grade check completed by the Athletic Director.

Academic Suspension

“Academic Suspension” can occur when the Athletic Director determines that student-athlete failed to attend the tutoring required by “Academic Probation” or has not shown satisfactory improvement in his/her grades. Any student-athlete placed on “Academic Suspension” will not be allowed to participate in games, but is still expected to attend all practices and games. Academic Suspensions are at the discretion of the Athletic Director. When a student-athlete is placed on Academic Suspension, the Athletic Director will inform the coach, student-athlete, and parent.

FFSD STUDENT-PARTICIPANT DISCIPLINE POLICY

Participation in any extracurricular activity is a privilege. With this privilege comes a responsibility to represent the activity, the school and the community in a positive manner.

Coaches and participants must adhere to the highest standards of sportsmanship and personal conduct. Members of these groups are highly visible representatives of our school, as well as role models for our student body, and therefore, it is appropriate to set higher standards for them than the general school population.

All students participating in extracurricular activities are governed by the Ferguson-Florissant School District Student Code of Conduct. Students under suspension for violation of the Student Code of Conduct will not be allowed to practice, compete or perform in school activities; additionally, students under suspension for Student Code of Conduct violations may be dismissed from extracurricular activities. Additional consequences from the Athletic Department or coaching staff will be given for violations of the Code of Conduct.

The Ferguson-Florissant School District also adheres to an Activity/Athletic Code of Conduct. Students are expected to adhere to this code of conduct inside and outside the sports season.

The following policies will be followed with regards to suspensions (Athletic Director has authority to waive in extreme circumstances):

- OSS - Students may not participate, or attend any practice or contests.
- ISS - Students may not participate or attend any contests. Students may attend practice.
- Detention - Students must serve their detention prior to attending practices or contests.
- Students must attend school after a suspension to return to active participant status (Ex.: Students with an OSS on Friday, may not play on Saturday)

Students attending Mark Twain Student Support Center cannot participate in Activities or Athletics at their home school, no matter what the circumstances are for their placement at the Mark Twain Student Support Center.

MSHSAA allows academic eligibility to be counted by enrolling in credit bearing classes. In the Ferguson-Florissant School District students are allowed to serve as an office aide and receive academic credit, which is placed on their transcripts. **It is highly encouraged that students only serve as an office aide .500 credit hour per semester.** In the event a student does enroll in a second office aide course to be able to participate as a student athlete there will be a GPA condition applied. The student athlete must have a 3.0 GPA overall at that time of enrollment in the course to be able to enroll in the second office aide course and count it towards in-season eligibility or previous semester eligibility. There will be a max of two office aide courses per semester for high school athletic eligibility.

Ferguson-Florissant School District online courses taken can only be used to attain the necessary credits to gain eligibility for the previous semester requirement by MSHSAA. Online courses cannot be used for in-season eligibility. Student athletes must be enrolled in 7 courses (3.5 credit hrs) that require seat time, within their individual school building. Students may take online classes in addition to the 7 courses (3.5 credit hrs) that require seat time at anytime.