



NASHUA ATHLETICS



Guide to Athletic Academic Eligibility and Waiver Process

To be eligible to compete in interscholastic athletics a student must be enrolled in a minimum of three classes and earn no more than one non-passing grade and an overall C- average for all classes the previous grading term. (see Nashua School District policy JJJA for more details.)

EVERY REPORT CARD MATTERS

Season	Initial eligibility to begin the season is based on	Eligibility to complete the season is based on
Fall (begins in August)	Q4/S2 (June of previous year)	Q1
Winter (begins in Nov/Dec)	Q1	Q2/S1
Spring (begins in March)	Q2/S1	Q3

An NC earned for a course that has ended will be considered an F for the purpose of athletic eligibility.

Academic Eligibility to Begin a New Season

The following students are **NOT eligible to apply** for an academic waiver:

- A student who has earned more than two Fs (including end of course NCs). This violates not only the Nashua School District Policy but also the NHIAA policy (Article II section 2 part A).
- A student who has been previously granted an academic waiver in high school. Only one academic waiver is permitted per student during a high school career.

If a student is eligible to apply for a waiver:

- Applying does not guarantee approval.
- Application must be submitted to the athletic office no later than 2:00pm on the 2nd day of tryouts/practice. **Waiver applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.**
- Student may participate in a maximum of 3 days of tryouts in a cut sport but then may not participate until the final decision regarding the waiver is made.

If the student is ineligible based on NCs earned in a course that is **ongoing** (Q1 & Q3 in a semester class and Q1, Q2, & Q3 in a year-long course)

- A waiver application must be submitted to the athletic office no later than 2:00pm on the 2nd day of tryouts/practice. **Waiver applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.**
- **If a student does not submit a waiver application, he/she forfeits the opportunity to regain eligibility after recovering the NCs.**
- The student has **10 calendar days** (day 1 is the first day of that sport's practices or tryouts) to improve/recover the grades and then eligibility will be re-evaluated.
- Recovery/improvement beyond the 10 calendar days will not be re-evaluated.

Academic Eligibility During a Season

Waivers and waiver extensions will not be granted after a season has begun.

If a student becomes academically ineligible after the start of a season, he/she is immediately removed from the team and may not participate.

If the student is ineligible based on NCs earned in a course that is ongoing (Q1 & Q3 in a semester class and Q1, Q2, & Q3 in a year-long course)

- He/she has **10 calendar days** (day 1 is the day report cards are issued) to recover.
- During this recovery period, he/she is not participating as a member of the team.
- He/she must notify the athletic office, in writing, the intent to recover.
- If grades are not improved/recovered in the 10 day time period, he/she is removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

A student who is not academically eligible at the beginning of an athletic season will not be eligible for the entirety of the season.