

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Middle Level Athletic Eligibility

As we continue to implement the best practices of SBGR, we continue explore the different ways buildings are effectively using the learning behaviors to help promote student learning while instilling core values that promote success in students as they grow.

To that end, each middle school in the district will adopt the following criteria as it relates to athletic eligibility for 7th and 8th grade students participating in school sponsored athletics. Each school may also pilot these criteria for other extra-curricular activities for the 2013-2014 school year.

Learning Behavior Criteria:

- Any middle school student athlete who demonstrates two (2) or more 1's or below (IE's, Insufficient Evidence) in learning behaviors in two of more classes will be considered ineligible to participate in any contest that week to include the upcoming weekend.
1. As outlined by SBGR, classroom teachers will be expected to document at least one (1) learning behavior each week for each student in their classroom.
 2. All learning behavior grades will need to be updated by teachers by 7 a.m. on Monday morning so that the eligibility report reflects the most up-to-date information for each student athlete.
 3. At the beginning of the first week of a sport and every Monday thereafter, the building administration will be responsible for running the eligibility report for all participating student athletes. S/he will share the report with the athletic director and appropriate coaches.
 4. Learning behavior reports will be run on Mondays to provide student athletes, coaches, and parents with a "snapshot" of their student athlete's current learning behaviors. Students will have the first week of a sport to demonstrate improvement, comparable to a "week of warning." Thereafter, weekly athletic eligibility will begin for the sport.
 5. Beginning with the 3rd week of the school sponsored sport season, any student who demonstrates two (2) or more 1's or below, in learning behaviors in two or more classes will be ineligible to participate in any contests that week to include the upcoming weekend.
 6. Coaches will share the report with those student athletes participating in the sport. Any student athlete who is demonstrating two (2) or more 1's or below (IE's) in learning behaviors in two or more classes will be notified by the coach of their ineligibility.

Additionally, coaches will also notify the parents of ineligible student athletes on Monday of the week of ineligibility.

7. It is understood that this athletic eligibility is determined on a week to week basis as it relates to the student's learning behaviors reported by their teachers. It is an expectation that teachers will provide students opportunities to improve their learning behaviors over the course of a week so that students who may become ineligible will have a chance to improve the following week to participate.
8. Middle school athletic directors will be responsible for ensuring that the student information system is accurate with regard to any student athletes participating in a given sport.
9. During the parent meeting for a given sport, the athletic director and coaches will share the eligibility criteria with students and parents. Each school will publish the criteria on the school's website and have available to all student athletes and parents, a copy of the eligibility requirements.

Behavioral Criteria:

- OSS – the student is prohibited from participating in practice and contests until they have been re-admitted* to school after fulfilling their suspension.

[* See BOE Policy JKD/JKE-R: Student Suspension / Expulsion: A.8 Re-admittance]

- ISS – the student is prohibited from participating in practice and contests from the moment they are assigned ISS until the following day after fulfilling their ISS consequence. **

[** If a student may not serve ISS until later in the week due to school's scheduling of ISS, a student will not be penalized more than one day for each day assigned to ISS.]

Attendance Criteria:

Any unexcused (UNX) absence during the day*** prohibits that student from practice and/or contests for that day.

[*** Any portion of a school day, whether it be a single period, multiple periods, or all day. A UNX on Friday prohibits the student from competition on the weekend.]

Administrative Discretion:

Administration may only use their discretion to establish greater learning behavior expectations for their school than those presented in this process.