

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Middle Level Athletic Eligibility

DISTRICT 51 ATHLETICS MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for students to compete interscholastically while enhancing personal development through sportsmanship, character education, teamwork, leadership and citizenship while achieving academically.

CORE VALUES

Participation is a Privilege

Athletics and Activities programs are education-based/an extension of the classroom

Participation in Athletics and Activities teach life skills

Appropriate perspective is taught through participation

Fun is a primary reason for a student's participation

Participation supports the development of positive character

DISTRICT 51 PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

We expect athletes to be a positive role model while maintaining high standards of personal conduct on and off the athletic field. Athletes are expected to treat parents, coaches, teachers, teammates, their school and community with honor and dignity. Any conduct considered detrimental to the team, school, or community that includes but may not be limited to citizenship, sportsmanship, or poor representation of the District 51 philosophies of Athletics may be grounds for suspension from activities.

Dear Parent and Student Athlete:

It is our hope that your family involvement with the District athletic program is a positive and rewarding experience. This open letter is to provide information to you about the new eligibility requirements for the middle school athletic program.

Middle schools will begin to use Learning Behavior grades as an eligibility requirement this school year (2013-14). Teachers will be assigning a learning behavior grade each week.

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.

Example of an ineligible student athlete:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>LB Grade</u>
Joe Jones	ELA 8	1
	Math 8	2
	PE	1
	SS	3
	Science	2
	Band	3

At the beginning of the first week of a sport and every Monday thereafter, 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.

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.

Beginning with the 3rd week of the school sponsored sport season, any student who demonstrates two (2) or more 1’s or below (IE’s), in learning behaviors in two or more classes will be ineligible to participate in any contests that week to include the upcoming weekend.

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 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.

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.

Please see that attached Learning Behavior rubrics that teachers utilize to assign a grade.