

Yorktown High School Athletic Academic Eligibility

In addition to the athletic eligibility rules of the Virginia High School League, Yorktown student-athletes must be both good students in the classroom and an active and effective participant on an athletic team. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right, and students should remember that their academic performance is vital to their future success. In order to assist the student in meeting his/her academic obligations, teachers, coaches and parents are encouraged to engage in a free sharing of information. The ultimate responsibility, however, rests with the student, who must meet the academic standards discussed below.

Students who are selected for participation on a Yorktown team must be passing at least five courses with a grade of 'C' or higher at any time grades are released (interims or quarter grades) during the season in which the student participates.

In order to help students meet this requirement, the following steps will be implemented:

- Coaches will be given a list of those students who have had previous academic difficulties in order to allow them to assist, if desired. It is recommended, but not required, that coaches or parents have these students complete weekly progress reports to track academic performance.
- Approximately ten days before grades are reported (interims or quarter grades), all student-athletes will be responsible to complete an Academic Check Up. The Academic Check Up is a progress report which requires signatures by all teachers and gives a snapshot of the student's grade in each class. The Check Up must be signed by the student's parent after completion and returned to the coach the next day in order to participate in practice.
- Once the Check Up is completed, the student-athlete and coach should have a full understanding of where the student stands academically. Over the next week, before grades are released, the student will be expected to uphold his/her academic responsibility to improve any grades which might be below the 'C' level. This will be accomplished through meeting with teachers during lunch or after school, attending departmental help sessions after school (math lab, foreign language lab, daily study hall) or attending Saturday school.
- When interim grades or quarter grades are distributed, the Activities Office staff will check the grades of all student-athletes. At this time, student-athletes must be passing at least five courses with a grade of 'C' or higher to remain eligible. If an individual does not have at least five 'C's, he/she will be ineligible for the following game/event. The athlete may continue to practice with the team.
- Any student who is found to be academically ineligible will be placed on Progress Reports immediately and *is expected to get extra help from teachers twice a week*. It is the student's responsibility to have the Progress Report filled out by all teachers weekly and present the progress report to the Director of Student Activities or Assistant Director of Student Activities. Satisfactory progress in a student's coursework will result in the reinstatement of his/her athletic eligibility. If a student fails to turn in a satisfactory Progress Report each week until the end of the season, he/she will continue to be ineligible for competitions.