



ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES | GRADES 7-12

NEW RICHMOND EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHO THIS POLICY COVERS

All athletic teams and athletic support groups in grades 7-12, including cheerleaders, wrestling statisticians, ATSA, marching band, color guard, coeds, and winter guard.

POLICY AT A GLANCE

STATUS	ACADEMIC STANDARD	PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT
FULLY ELIGIBLE	Meets the required course-passing standard and has a 2.00 GPA or higher.	May participate without an academic study-table requirement.
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	Meets the course-passing standard and has a 1.500-1.999 GPA.	May participate under the academic-support requirements listed for the student's grade level.
INELIGIBLE	Falls below a 1.500 GPA and/or does not meet the required course-passing standard.	May not participate in contests for the applicable quarter. Practice rules are outlined below.

GENERAL STANDARDS

- Eligibility is based on academic performance during the quarter immediately preceding participation.
- Students participating in College Credit Plus, PSEO, home schooling, or another approved alternate educational plan must satisfy New Richmond eligibility standards and provide documentation according to the district calendar.
- The building principal is the final authority regarding eligibility calculations and grade disputes.
- Eligibility standards apply in addition to all OHSAA and district participation requirements.

IMPORTANT

Academic eligibility does not guarantee team selection or playing time. Coaches and activity advisors retain authority over participation decisions within district and program rules.



HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

GRADES 9-12 | QUARTER-BY-QUARTER REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY LEVELS

STATUS	ACADEMIC STANDARD	PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT
FULLY ELIGIBLE	Pass at least five (5) one-half-credit graded courses, or the equivalent, that count toward graduation. Physical Education, Faculty Assist, and Peer Tutoring are excluded. GPA: 2.00 or higher.	Eligible to participate.
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	Meet the same five-course passing requirement. GPA: 1.500-1.999.	Eligible only while attending two mandatory study-table sessions each week. Missing the weekly requirement results in seven calendar days of ineligibility.
INELIGIBLE	GPA of 1.499 or below, OR failure to pass five qualifying courses.	Ineligible for contests for the entire quarter. The student may practice with the coach's approval and must follow study-table expectations.

HIGH SCHOOL DECISION CHART

CHECKPOINT	YES	NO
Did the student pass at least five qualifying one-half-credit courses (or equivalent)?	Continue to GPA check.	INELIGIBLE for the quarter.
Is the student's GPA 2.00 or higher?	FULLY ELIGIBLE.	Continue to support-range check.
Is the student's GPA between 1.500 and 1.999?	ELIGIBLE with two weekly study tables.	INELIGIBLE for the quarter.

SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL PROVISIONS

- **First-time ninth graders:** A student entering grade 9 for the first time is eligible provided the student passed at least five courses during the fourth quarter of grade 8.
- **Alternate education:** College Credit Plus, PSEO, home-school, and other approved alternate-plan students must document compliance with New Richmond eligibility standards.
- **Grade calculations:** All GPAs are determined under the New Richmond High School grading policy.
- **Final authority:** The New Richmond High School principal is the final authority on grade disputes and eligibility determinations.

STUDY TABLE ACCOUNTABILITY

A high school student in the 1.500-1.999 GPA range must attend two mandatory study-table sessions each week. Failure to attend both sessions results in seven calendar days of ineligibility.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

GRADES 7-8 | QUARTER & MIDTERM REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY LEVELS

STATUS	ACADEMIC STANDARD	PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT
FULLY ELIGIBLE	Pass at least four (4) graded courses. GPA: 2.00 or higher.	Eligible to participate.
ACADEMIC PROBATION	Pass at least four graded courses. GPA: 1.500-1.999.	Eligible through the next midterm review. Continued eligibility depends on the officially posted midterm grades.
INELIGIBLE	GPA of 1.499 or below, OR more than one final F for the quarter.	Ineligible for interscholastic activities for the entire quarter.

MIDTERM ACADEMIC PROBATION REVIEW

CHECKPOINT	YES	NO
At the preceding quarter, did the student pass at least four graded courses?	Continue to GPA check.	INELIGIBLE for the quarter.
Was the preceding-quarter GPA 2.00 or higher?	FULLY ELIGIBLE.	Continue to probation-range check.
Was the preceding-quarter GPA between 1.500 and 1.999?	ACADEMIC PROBATION until midterm.	INELIGIBLE for the quarter.
At midterm, is the current GPA 2.00 or higher with no more than one F?	Remains eligible for the quarter.	Becomes ineligible for the rest of the quarter.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- **ELA block course:** The middle school ELA grade counts twice for eligibility purposes, even though it appears only once on the report card.
- **First-time seventh graders:** Students entering grade 7 for the first time are eligible for fall activities. Eligibility beginning with the winter season is based on their academic standing.
- **Transition to grade 9:** A first-time ninth grader is eligible provided the student passed at least four courses during the fourth quarter of grade 8.
- **Grade calculations:** All GPAs are determined under the New Richmond Middle School grading policy.
- **Final authority:** The building principal is the final authority on grade disputes and eligibility determinations.



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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HIGH SCHOOL VS. MIDDLE SCHOOL

STANDARD	GRADES 9-12	GRADES 7-8
Minimum courses passed	Five qualifying one-half-credit courses or equivalent	Four graded courses
Full eligibility GPA	2.00 or higher	2.00 or higher
Support/probation range	1.500-1.999	1.500-1.999
Support requirement	Two mandatory study tables per week	Midterm academic review
Automatic ineligibility	GPA 1.499 or below OR fewer than five qualifying courses	GPA 1.499 or below OR more than one final F
Practice while ineligible	Permitted only with coach approval and study-table compliance	Not specified by this policy; consult the building administration

ELIGIBILITY REVIEW CHECKLIST

- ☐ Confirm the student's grade level and the quarter immediately preceding the activity.
- ☐ Verify the number of qualifying courses passed.
- ☐ Calculate the GPA using the applicable building grading policy.
- ☐ Apply the correct participation status: fully eligible, academic support/probation, or ineligible.
- ☐ Document study-table attendance or midterm review requirements when applicable.
- ☐ Refer disputes or unusual enrollment situations to the building principal before participation.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

This branded guide organizes the supplied policy language for easier use. When a conflict arises, the district's officially adopted policy, current student handbook, and applicable OHSAA rules control.

CONTACT

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Questions regarding academic eligibility should be directed to the appropriate building principal or athletic office.