

## CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOL

<b>POLICY</b> Extracurricular Activity Eligibility	<b>CMS/NEPN Code:</b> <b>JJJ</b> Proposed Revision 6/2/16
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All students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools are encouraged to seek and maintain the highest possible academic achievement. Extracurricular activities are recognized as an important and beneficial adjunct to the educational experiences of students. However, first priority must be given to their academic performance.

~~In order for students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities, except for students entering the seventh or ninth<sup>1</sup> grade for the first time<sup>2</sup>, all All students in middle schools and high schools, except first semester students initially entering the seventh or ninth grade, must have earned a grade point average of 2.0<sup>3</sup> for the preceding semester to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities, (calculated using final semester and/or course grades) and have been present in school 85% of the instructional days of the previous semester. A student may participate in a school-sponsored extracurricular activity only if (1) the student is currently enrolled in at least one-half of the minimum academic course load, and (2) the student was in attendance at school that day for at least one-half of the instructional day.~~

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Additional CMS requirements related specifically to athletic eligibility are found in policy JFACA and accompanying regulation JFACA-R. Student must also meet eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics established by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) ([www.nchsa.org](http://www.nchsa.org)).

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~~EC students may have the GPA requirement waived provided they have a current I.E.P. and their I.E.P. goals are being met. A student may participate in a school-sponsored extracurricular activity only if (1) the student is currently enrolled in at least one-half of the minimum academic course load, and (2) the student was in attendance at school that day for at least one-half of the instructional day.<sup>4</sup> Any exceptions for eligibility~~

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<sup>1</sup> The exception to the rule requiring a 2.0 GPA and 85% attendance from the previous semester for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time was adopted by the Board on July 22, 2014 and is effective with the 2014/15 school year.

<sup>2</sup> The exception to the GPA and attendance rules for first-time 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders applies only for extracurricular activities during first semester. At the completion of first semester, all academic and attendance rules must be met in order for students to participate in extracurricular activities (including interscholastic athletics) during second semester.

<sup>3</sup> For athletic eligibility, GPA is calculated using the semester grade on the report card for year-long classes and the final grade on the report card for semester grades.

<sup>4</sup> In addition to the above requirements, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has other eligibility rules for participation in interscholastic athletics. These rules are available at the website of the NCHSAA, <http://www.nchsa.org/>.

This footnote was formerly text in 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph

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~~requirements of clubs and organizations must be approved by the Superintendent.~~ Eligibility of students in the programs for exceptional children will be in accordance with local, state and federal guidelines. EC students may have the GPA requirement waived provided they have a current I.E.P. and their I.E.P. goals are being met.

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A student suspended from school (OSS) for conduct that constitutes a violation of Board policy and/or school rules will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities during the length of suspension.

Any student subject to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's eight-semester rule who (1) is convicted of a crime classified as a felony under North Carolina or federal law, or (2) is adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult, is not eligible to participate in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's sports program from the date of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency through the end of the student's high school career. Pending appellate or other post-conviction review of the conviction or adjudication of delinquency does not affect the student's immediate ineligibility.

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