

St. Joseph School  
126 Columbus Ave. NW  
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**ACADEMIC/BEHAVIOR PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES  
FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

*Rationale:*

Athletics at St. Joseph are supportive of the academic program of our school. As such, priority will always remain upon schoolwork and performance. The following guidelines for athletic participation related to academic performance have been established in conjunction with the school administration and teachers with the approval of the pastor.

*Guidelines:*

A student in grades 7 and 8 is ineligible to participate in athletics if he/she receives:

1. a grade point average below 1.5 for the quarter. This makes the student ineligible for the next quarter. (Diocesan standards based on OHSAA Policy)
2. Fails any evaluation in a subject in which student has been placed on academic warning. This results in immediate suspension until a passing average is maintained. (St. Joseph's School Academic Warning/Suspension Policy )
3. a U (Unsatisfactory) on the mid-term or report card. If a U is given, the student and parents will have been given sufficient warnings. Generally, an N (Needs improvement) will have appeared on the proceeding mid-term or report card. (St. Joseph School Behavior Warning/Suspension Policy)

\* Parents are reminded to be alert to Ds, FS or Us or borderline grades throughout the grading periods. Most teachers regularly have parents sign test papers and other work as a means of communicating with you about your Child's achievement.

*Length/Scope of Ineligibility for # 2 and #3 above:*

Students who are doing unsatisfactory work as indicated in the guidelines above will be ineligible to participate in any practices, games, tournaments or other competition. This restriction is effective upon receipt of the notification and remains in effect until the student's average is passing.

*Notification*

Teachers will inform the principal of students ineligible for participation in athletics. The principal will inform the Athletic Director who will notify coaches of ineligible players.

A copy of these guidelines and a written notice of ineligibility/eligibility (reverse side) will be included with the notification. This is to be signed and returned to the homeroom teacher.