

## **STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

An athlete at Hale Area Schools must meet the minimum standard as set forth by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and Hale Area Schools academic eligibility standards. These guidelines will begin at the start of the student's freshman year, transfer students will use exit grades and/or previous semester from originating school and apply year round from that point forward. In accordance with that, fourth term grades will be applied to the following fall sport 36

season to determine a student athlete's academic eligibility. It is the philosophy of the Hale Area Schools Athletic Department to give our student athletes as many opportunities to compete in their sport as we can while maintaining high academic standards for our student athletes.

**Requirement:** Student athletes in Hale Area Schools will be required to be passing all of their classes to be eligible for participation.

**Monitoring:** Each athlete's grades will be checked each Monday morning (Monday Check) by the athletic department through Skyward.

**Consequence:** Eligibility will be considered on a per class basis. Any athlete with a failing grade (E) in a class will be given 1 week until the next Monday Check to raise their grade. Full participation will be allowed that week. If the student raises the grade to a passing level (D- or higher) by the next Monday Check, they will be allowed to participate uninterrupted in their sport. If a student continues to have a failing grade in that class on the following Monday Check, but has improved the grade in the class, they will be allowed to participate but must attend a study table or lunch detention. If they have not improved that grade, the student will remain ineligible on a weekly basis until the failing grade has been rectified on a Monday Check, either through the improvement provision or the passing the class provision.

A student must also be passing 66% of the full credit load potential (5 out of 7) to meet MHSAA guidelines. Therefore, if a student is not passing five courses they are immediately ineligible for competition until the next Monday check in which they satisfy the 66% requirement. A student that does not meet the 66% requirement may still practice and travel with their team.

In addition to the above section, any athlete who is participating in online education (PLATO) or IRESA will be required to maintain weekly progress as well as a passing grade. If the athlete has a failing grade (E), they will follow the consequences outlined above.

Semester grades will not apply to eligibility except as they are required to apply by MHSAA rules. Fourth marking period grades from the previous school year will be used as the first Monday Check for all 10th, 11th and 12th grade fall sport athletes.