

# North Shore High School

## Guidelines for Eligibility for Sports and Activities - 2017-2018

The North Shore Schools value participation in extra-curricular activities. Students grow personally and academically when they are engaged in the life of the institution. North Shore High School therefore encourages every student to participate in arts, athletics, and other school activities.

While participation is encouraged and valued, class attendance, academic performance and appropriate, respectful behaviors are key priorities for our students. When a student frequently misses classes and/or is in academic jeopardy emphasis must be placed on improving the frequency of his or her attendance, the quality of his or her class work, and prompt completion of their assignments. Likewise, when a student is not conducting themselves within the guidelines of the school's Code of Conduct, similar emphasis must be placed on improving the behaviors of each student who finds themselves receiving disciplinary consequences at school.

### Attendance Eligibility Policy

North Shore High School sees student attendance in their classes as essential to maximizing their growth and learning. Therefore, the following standards are in place for all students at North Shore High School:

- As New York State mandates that all students attend a minimum of 85% of all of their classes in public schools, the same standards are in place for all students at North Shore High School.
- Every ten weeks, at the end of each academic quarter, building administration will run an attendance report. This report will filter a list of students and the classes in which they have missed more than 15% of class time.
- The first time a student comes up on this list, they will be placed on Attendance Probation for the next ten week period. Participation in extracurricular activities during this time is permitted.
- If a student on Attendance Probation attends 85% or more of each of their classes by the end of the ten week probationary period, he or she returns to good standing with respect to their attendance.
- If a student on Attendance Probation does not attend at least 85% of their classes by the end of the next ten week period, they will become Attendance Ineligible for the next five weeks. Participation in extracurricular activities during this time is NOT permitted. Students who are Attendance Ineligible will have their attendance monitored every five weeks.
- The ONLY exceptions to this attendance eligibility policy are absences where students miss classes due to bereavement or documented medical conditions. All other types of excused and unexcused absences will be counted towards missed class time under this policy.

### Academic Eligibility Policy

1. A student who is failing two or more courses at the end of a quarter, or who is in danger of failing two or more courses at the midpoint of each quarter, will have their academic record reviewed and will be placed on academic probation for the next five week period. Students can make an appointment to sit down with their guidance counselor to develop a plan for academic recovery. It is the responsibility of the student to make an appointment with their guidance counselor and follow the plan for academic recovery, if one is developed. Participation in extracurricular activities during this time is permitted.
2. At the conclusion of this academic probation period, the academic achievement of the student will be reviewed.

If a student is failing one or no courses at the end of the probationary period, he or she returns to good academic standing.

If a student continues to fail two or more courses, he or she will become ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities for the next five (5) week period. However, students may choose to complete an Extracurricular Participation Report each week of their ineligibility period if they wish to earn participatory privileges for extracurricular activities. Students must have this form completed and signed by the Teacher Leader/Departmental Director of the classes they are failing every week of their ineligibility period. During the ineligibility period, the student will meet weekly with the Principal and/or Assistant Principal to review their academic progress. The student must bring a completed Extracurricular Participation Report to these weekly meetings. On Friday, or the last day of school each week, it will be decided by the Principal and/or Assistant Principal if the student has earned participatory privileges for the following week or if they will remain ineligible to participate in extra-

curricular activities. **It is the student's responsibility to have this form filled out by the Teacher Leaders/Departmental Directors and to make an appointment with the Principal and/or Assistant Principal to review their progress.**

Eligibility reviews will only take place on Fridays, or the last day of school for the week. Privileges will be reinstated effective the close of school on the day of the eligibility review meeting. Another meeting must take place on the following Friday, or the last day of school for the week, for extracurricular eligibility to continue for the following week. This pattern must continue for participatory privileges to remain until the end of the current five (5) week period where the student's overall academic performance will be reviewed.

**\*\*Students who become academically ineligible will remain ineligible for at least the first week of their ineligibility period - that is, until the first Friday when their first review meeting can be scheduled.**

During a period of probation or ineligibility a student may be required to:

- Bring a weekly *Extracurricular Participation Report* to the Teacher Leaders/Departmental Directors of the classes he or she is currently failing for an update on progress and effort
- Maintain an attendance record free of unexcused absences
- Complete all homework, projects, and other assignments on time
- Attend all extra help sessions for the classes which they are currently failing
- Cooperate in class
- Fulfill the agreements made in the plan for academic recovery, if one is developed

### **Disciplinary Policy/Procedures**

Any student who receives a disciplinary consequence of a day of In-School Suspension (ISS) or greater on two separate occasions will be placed on discipline probation for participation in extra-curricular activities (including school sports teams, clubs and evening events including, but not limited to, Sports Night, Junior Prom and Senior Prom) for the remainder of the school year. Participation in extracurricular activities when a student is on discipline probation is permitted.

If a student does receive a discipline consequence of a day of ISS or greater while on discipline probation, the student becomes ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for the next five week period. *There is no Extracurricular Participation Report to earn participatory privileges in extracurricular activities for students who are discipline ineligible.*

If a student who is ineligible does not receive a discipline consequence of a day of ISS or greater during their five week ineligibility period, they return discipline probation status. If a student does receive a consequence of a day of ISS or greater while ineligible, the student's five week ineligibility period starts over from the date of their last day of suspension.

**Administration reserves the right to place a student on the ineligibility list for major violations of the Code of Conduct or other egregious acts.**