



## Naples High School

### Academic Eligibility Policy, Revised 6/2019

The academic education of our students is the primary function of our school system. Activities outside of the classroom are important but will not diminish the educational function of our school; in order to participate in any extracurricular activities or to participate in any event outside of regularly scheduled classes, a student must remain academically eligible.

#### A. Failure Lists:

1. Teachers will place students on their weekly failure list if the student both has a cumulative quarterly average below 65% and, in the teacher's determination, is not making adequate effort.
  - a. The first Friday of the second, third, and fourth marking period, teachers will use the previous quarter's average grade to determine whether or not a student has met the 65% criteria, rather than their first weekly grade of the current marking period.
  - b. Teachers will take into account special program criteria including IEP (Individualized Education Program) and Section 504 plans when determining whether or not they place students on the failure list.
  - c. Teachers are not required to give grades each week, accept late work, or give extra credit just to make students eligible through a raised grade or through adequate effort—the Eligibility Policy is designed to serve the academic program, not the other way around.
2. Academic Warning and Ineligibility Lists:
  - a. No later than 10 a.m. each Friday, all teachers will submit their failure lists to the Main Office, who will then compile them into a single Academic Warning List.
  - b. Students who would be on the Academic Warning List for a third consecutive week or longer will instead be academically ineligible, and the Main Office will place them on the Academic Ineligibility List.
  - c. The Academic Warning and Ineligibility Lists are published each Friday, with the new period of warning/ineligibility effective starting the following Monday. Students still on either list from the previous week continue their current Warning/Ineligible status through the weekend or vacation period into the following week (excluding summer vacation—no failure or Warning/Ineligibility Lists carry over from one academic year to the next).
  - d. The Main Office will remove students no longer on any teacher's failure list from the Academic Warning/Ineligibility Lists. These students become eligible when the new lists are published on Friday (and not before).
  - e. Each week, the Main Office will notify the parents/guardians of all students on the Academic Warning and Academic Ineligibility Lists via letter and/or email.

## **B. Disciplinary Ineligibility**

Disciplinary ineligibility is determined by administrative actions, which include but are not limited to:

1. Students with in-school suspension for all or part of a school day are ineligible for that school day.
2. Students with out-of-school suspension are ineligible for the duration of the suspension.
3. The Administration may make a student ineligible for a period of time or for specific events, at their discretion pursuant to disciplinary or safety procedures.

## **C. Eligibility Restrictions:**

Students on the Academic Warning List

1. are restricted to assigned study halls, lose any building and/or senior privileges, and may not use cell phones or personal electronic devices during study hall.
2. may use the computer room or library only for academic work for which one of *their* teachers issues them a *task specific* pass.

Ineligible students (academic or disciplinary) have the restrictions of those on the Academic Warning List, and additionally

3. may not participate in contests, performances, dances, extracurricular trips, club activities, and other non-curricular school activities, but may attend school events open to the public for the purposes of viewing these events.
4. may practice for contests and performances as long as they provide the coach/advisor with a pass from that day signed by one or more of the teachers whose class they are failing. If the teacher is not available that day, the student may practice with a signed pass from an administrator.

## **D. The Eligibility Committee**

The Principal will appoint an Eligibility Committee at the beginning of each school year, consisting of one administrator, one teacher involved in non-sport extracurricular activities, one teacher-coach, one special education teacher, and at least one other teacher.

1. Students may appeal their Academic Warning or Academic Ineligibility status to the Committee, who will convene as determined by the Principal. Students may not appeal Disciplinary Eligibility to the Eligibility Committee, but may appeal to the Superintendent (see below).
2. Upon appeal, the Eligibility Committee will determine whether or not the Academic Warning/Eligibility status of the student is consistent with this policy, and will uphold or overturn the student's status based on that determination.
3. Students may appeal the Eligibility Committee's decision to the Principal. The Committee's decision is final unless the Principal determines
  - a. the allegations or circumstances which the Committee used for their decision were false or misrepresented, or
  - b. the Committee made an unfair or unjust decision.
4. Students may appeal the Principal's decision (or Disciplinary Ineligibility) to the Superintendent of Schools, and after that the Board of Education. Any decision by the Board of Education is final.