

Salem Central School District

Extracurricular Eligibility Policy

Application: Applies to all students in grades 7-12. Applies to all listed activities and events plus other significant activities and events as they arise at the discretion of the 7-12 principal.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interscholastic sports competitions• Cheerleading• Drama Club• FCCLA• Overnight field trips• Foreign Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yearbook• Prom• Homecoming• Semi-formals• FFA• Out of state travel• NHS• Literary Magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Board• Academic Bowl Team• Mathematics Team• FBLA• Class officers• SADD• Attendance at games, dances, & events
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Structure: All students are presumed to be eligible. Students, however, would be disqualified from eligibility to participate based on the academic and behavioral criteria set forth in this policy.

Academic component:

Students failing 2 or more course (64 or less) at the end of a 5 week marking period will be placed on **PROBATION** until the end of the marking period. While on probation...

- ❖ Students must stay for extra help in the courses that they are failing.
- ❖ Students must not be a behavior problem in those classes.
- ❖ Students must be completing current assignments and working to make up back work (if applicable).

Teachers will report weekly only on the students who are on probation to the H.S. office. Students will be evaluated based upon the 3 criteria set above (not grades).

If a weekly report indicates that the 3 criteria have been met in EACH of the courses the student is failing – the student ***retains eligibility*** until the evaluation of the next weekly report or the next 5 week marking period, which ever comes first.

If a weekly report indicates that one or more of the criteria have not been met in ANY of the courses the student is taking the ***student will be ineligible*** until the next 5 week marking period.

When ineligible, students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities as defined above (due to health and safety concerns athletes will be allowed to practice but not attend or participate in any scrimmages or contests).

Other considerations:

Students who fail two or more course in the ***fourth quarter*** will begin the next school year ***on probation***.

Only 5 week grades will be considered. Final averages at any time during the year are not considered.

If a student drops a class after the drop/add period, that course will continue to be considered throughout the conclusion of that course, with the grade at the time the course was dropped.

All courses a student is enrolled in will be considered.

Summer school grades will NOT be considered.

A student's academic status will be re-evaluated each 5 week marking period.

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Behavioral component:

Students accumulating 6 points will become ineligible for a period of 3 weeks from the date of the most recent infraction.

Points:

Out of School Suspension	4 points or more*
In School Suspensions	2 points
Office detentions	½ point

* Out of school suspensions could result in more points at the discretion of the 7-12 principal.

Point accumulation does NOT reset at the end of each marking period. Points will reset only after a student has reached the 6 point plateau.

Students who serve a period of ineligibility due to behavior will have their point total at the end of the school year carry over to the fall. All other students will start the new school year with 0 points.

Monitoring:

Academic component: It will be the responsibility of the 7-12 principal or his/her designee to monitor the academic progress of each student every 5 week. It is further the responsibility of the 7-12 principal or his/her designee to publish a “*probation list*” every 5 weeks and a weekly “*ineligible list*”.

Behavioral component: It will be the responsibility of the 7-12 principal or his/her designee to monitor the behavior of each student throughout the school year. It is further the responsibility of the 7-12 principal or his/her designee to publish a “*behavioral ineligible list*” at any time it is necessary.

Implementation: Implementation of the procedures of this policy shall supersede any other existing policy within the limits of New York State and Federal Laws.

Appeals of Ineligibility: Students determined to be ineligible to participate by this policy may appeal this determination directly to the superintendent of schools, and if still not satisfied, to the Board of Education. Appeals may only be based upon the following:

1. An error in application of the policy; or
2. An error in fact for determining the eligibility of the student.
3. For behavioral purposes, students may not avail themselves of this appeal process to change a determination of guilt or innocence by the proper school authorities in relation to disciplinary matters. (That appeal should take place through regular disciplinary channels.)
4. For academic purposes, students may not avail themselves of this appeal process to change an assigned grade by a teacher. (that appeal should take place through regular academic channels.)