

III. ELIGIBILITY RULES GOVERNING ATHLETICS

School Board Policy

505.05 Athletic Eligibility Requirements

Any Davenport Community School District student participating in a program sanctioned by the Iowa High School Athletic Association or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union will need to meet the requirements stipulated in the Iowa Code 281-36.15 under 36.15(2) Scholarship Rules. The Superintendent has the authority to act in behalf of the Board on all matters affecting athletic eligibility of students in those cases to which the Iowa Department of Education regulations require approval of the Board and/or Superintendent.

Summary Of Scholarship Rule

1. A student must receive credit in at least 4 subjects at all times
2. A student must pass and make adequate progress toward graduation to remain eligible.
3. If a student is not passing all at the end of a grading period, the student is ineligible for competition for a period of 30 consecutive calendar days in the interscholastic athletic event for which the student is a contestant.
4. A student may not join any sport after the first day of practice and apply their ineligibility to that sport in order to avoid the consequence during another sport. Students must finish a season or sport in good standing for an ineligibility period to be accepted. If a student drops out of an activity or sport, the entire ineligibility period will be applied to the next sport or activity in which the athlete participates in, subject to the 12 month limitation.
5. If a student is not passing all at any checkpoint, periods of ineligibility and conditions of reinstatement are left to the school.
6. Schools must check grades at the end of each grading period; otherwise a school determines how often they check grades.
7. A student with a disability and an IEP is judged based on progress made toward the IEP goals.
8. The use of summer school or other means to make up failing grades for eligibility purposes will not be accepted. The rule also requires that all original failing grades (even those remediated for other than athletic purposes) be reported to any school to which the student transfers.

Iowa No Pass/No Play Rule

Iowa Code

36.15(2) Scholarship rule.

1. All contestants must be enrolled and in good standing in a school that is a member or associate members in good standing of the organization sponsoring the event.
2. All contestants must be under 20 years of age.
3. All contestants shall be enrolled students of the school in good standing. They shall receive credit in at least four subjects, each of one period or "hour" or the equivalent thereof, at all times. To qualify under this rule, a "subject" must meet the requirements of 281—Chapter 12. Coursework taken from a postsecondary institution and for which a school district or accredited nonpublic school grants academic credit toward high school graduation shall be used in determining eligibility. No student shall be denied eligibility if the student's school program deviates from the traditional two-semester school year.
4. Each contestant shall be passing all coursework for which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading period. Grading period, graduation requirements, and any interim periods of ineligibility are determined by local policy. For purposes of this sub-rule, "grading period" shall mean the period of time at the end of which a student in grades 9 through 12 receives a final grade and course credit is awarded for passing grades.
5. If at the end of any grading period a contestant is given a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded, the contestant is ineligible to dress for and compete in the next occurring interscholastic athletic contests and competitions in which the contestant is a contestant for **30 consecutive calendar days**. Ineligibility begins the first day of the next grading period during the school year. Ineligibility begins the day after the grading period ends for summer sports.

6. Students are not allowed to join any sport after the first legal competition date of the season and apply their ineligibility to that sport in order to avoid the consequence during another sport. A student must complete a season or sport in good standing for an ineligibility period to be accepted. If a student drops out of an activity prior to the completion of the period of ineligibility, the entire penalty will be applied to the next activity the student participates in, subject to the 12-month limitation above.
7. A student with a disability who has an individualized education program shall not be denied eligibility on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals and objectives on the student's individualized education program.
8. All member schools shall provide appropriate interventions and necessary academic supports for students who fail or who are at risk to fail, and shall report to the department regarding those interventions on the comprehensive school improvement plan.
9. A student is academically eligible upon entering the ninth grade.
10. Remediation of a failing grade by way of summer school or other means shall not affect the student's ineligibility.
11. All failing grades shall be reported to any school to which the student transfers.

Davenport Central High School Study Table Program

In an effort to help student-athletes succeed in the classroom and remain eligible to compete in interscholastic athletics, Davenport Central is requiring that all in-season student-athletes attend study table if they have a C- or below on the Monday grade check. Students should be aware that:

- 1) **Grades will be checked every Monday morning by the athletic office.**
- 2) **Mid-term grades and final grades will also be used as check points.**
- 3) **Each Head Coach will have a study table policy in place that athletes must follow.**
- 4) **Any grade of C- or below reported during a check will require attendance at study table.**
- 5) **Students need to bring appropriate study materials that are related to the course(s) in which the failing grade(s) is occurring.**

Consequences: If a student fails to attend study table (unexcused), or gets asked to leave because of poor behavior: THEY WILL NOT PLAY ON THE NEXT COMPETITION DATE.

The purpose of Study Table is to help our student-athletes maintain eligibility and succeed in the classroom. Coaches can request at any time that a student-athlete attend if they feel it will be beneficial to the student-athlete. **If a student-athlete can't attend for a legitimate reason, they should contact their Coach or the Athletic Director in advance whenever possible.**

If you have questions please contact Athletic Director, Brian Ehlinger, by emailing ehlingerb@davenportschools.org or by calling Central at 323-1757.

Davenport Central Internet Posting of Student-Athlete Photo Permission

Our school would like to post a photo of your student on our school website as well as our Booster Club, Athletic Foundation, or District websites. We use team photos and athletic images to positively promote Central Athletics on these websites only.

Please indicate on the **DCSC Extracurricular Participation Acknowledgement Form** what your wishes are regarding this matter.