



**Official Procedure
of
Ogden Preparatory Academy**

7. Students

7.29.PRC.1 Athletic Eligibility Procedure

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In order to fulfill OPA's stated missions of Academic Excellence, Character Development, and Individual Growth, the school will work with student-athletes to ensure a high standard of academics and behavior is demonstrated by all student-athletes.

1. **Eligibility.** In order to be eligible for participation in Athletics, the following forms must be completed. Forms may be obtained from the ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, COACHES, or OFFICE SECRETARIES before or after school. All forms should be completed and turned in to the Junior High Office as soon as possible after the team roster is posted and before the first competitive event (game, match, race, etc.) for each sport's season.
 - a. Student-Athlete Contract including permission to participate and travel shall be signed by the student-athlete and legal guardian. Individual sports may include additional requirements.
 - b. Physical Examination signed by a doctor. (This form is good for 1 year.)
2. **Fees.** Each sport has a \$35.00 athletic fee. Fees must be paid at the time forms are turned into the junior high secretaries. All the items must be turned in together. If exceptions apply, athletes will be given a fee due date. Fee waivers apply to athletic fees, please see the front office for details.
3. **Academic Eligibility:** To compete as a student-athlete in extracurricular activities, students must meet or exceed all of the following criteria:
 - a. Pass all core classes (math, science, language arts, and history) with a "C-" or higher
 - b. Maintain a 2.0 average GPA
 - c. Maintain a school attendance rate of 85% or higher
 - d. Earn citizenship grades of S (Satisfactory) or H (Honorable)
 - e. Avoid suspensions and safe school violations per school policy (see Suspension)
4. **Weekly determination of Academic Eligibility**
 - a. Each week, an Administrator or Designee will pull grades for athletes participating in current sports.
 - b. Each week, a list of eligible and non-eligible players will be digitally shared

with the coaches. This time frame allows coaches to adjust line-ups and the Athletic Director to respond to schedule adjustments, i.e., to forfeit or reschedule games, cancel buses, etc.

- c. If a student has a grade lower than a C- in a core class, a GPA below a 2.0, an attendance rate lower than 85%, a citizenship mark of an “N” or “U”, or an active suspension/safe school violation, then the student will be identified as “not eligible” for the week and placed on Probation (See Probation Procedures).
- d. Once determined, eligibility will not be adjusted during the school day. The next opportunity for eligibility will be during the eligibility determination the following Friday.
- e. In order to participate in practice or competitions, the student athlete must attend at least a half day of school on the day of the practice or competition.
- f. Parents should address eligibility concerns in the following order: student, relevant teacher(s), the Athletic Director, the Vice Principal, the Principal.

5. Probation Procedures

- a. Probation occurs when a student is ineligible to participate in practice or events (See Academic Eligibility).
- b. While on probation, students may not participate in the sport in any way. This includes practices, games, or traveling with the team.
- c. Student athletes on probation are expected to be in a classroom after school working to raise their grade during regular practice and game times.
- d. Students on probation can miss four consecutive events (games, meets, matches, etc.) to raise their academics or citizenship before they will be removed from the team.
- e. The student is responsible for meeting with their teacher and creating a plan to raise their grade.
- f. Students are not considered eligible to be off probation until the grade or citizenship has been changed within the gradebook.

6. Suspension

- a. If a student athlete is suspended from school, the student athlete will not be eligible to participate with the team until a meeting has taken place between the student, parent/guardian, coach, athletic director, and a member of administration. During that meeting it will be determined

whether or not the student is eligible for, or would benefit from, continued participation on the team.

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Legal References