



## A middle school student is eligible under the following conditions:

1. He/she must be in regular attendance and present the day of the contest. A student on outside suspension shall be ineligible from the time of the infraction until the time of reinstatement.

A student will become academically eligible upon his or her promotion to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. There after the student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) for each grading period and pass five subjects (or 6 for those with 7 subjects) to remain eligible during the seventh grade year.

An eighth grade student must pass five (5) subjects (or 6 for those taking 7 subjects) and maintain a 2.0 GPA for each individual nine (9) week period. For the first nine (9) weeks the eighth grade student's eligibility is based on the entire previous school year's cumulative average. Two (2) credits may be made up or replaced by attending a summer school. When repeating a subject the higher of the two grades shall count and only one attempt will be used in the calculation of the GPA.

*Section 1 will be changed to conform to Florida Legislative mandates or the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) By-laws as they are changed from time to time. Such changes will not require a vote of the membership. The president will be responsible to make the changes and mail revised copies of the constitution to the membership.*

2. A student's health course will now reflect .25 credits, and the physical education course now will reflect .75 credit. The GPA will be calculated using these new configurations. (This was approved by the cabinet on 10-26-98).
3. A student being promoted from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> or from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade will become academically eligible to participate if during the previous nine weeks the student achieved a 2.0 G.P.A. for that grading period and passed five subjects.
4. The report card will determine eligibility at the end of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd nine week grading period. **(Eligibility will be determined the day report cards are issued.) It shall be the duty of the principal to have each child's record checked at the end of each nine weeks. A student's eligibility is determined by the previous 9 weeks grades. The student will become eligible or ineligible on the day that report cards are issued. Grade recovery will not affect the student's eligibility until the day report cards are issued for the next nine week period.**
5. He or she may **not** participate if the age of fifteen (15) is reached prior to **September 1**.
6. Any student who has been to Mattie V. Rutherford, the alternative school, or has participated in an abuse program for possession of drugs or alcohol can not participate on any athletic team for the remainder of the school year.
7. Students who have been charged with a Class III offense during the course of the season from day 1 of tryouts can no longer participate in that sport, but are eligible for sports in the future. (Excluding students who fall under article 6 above.)
8. Any athlete who receives out-of-school suspension twice during the course of a season (from day 1 of tryouts) can no longer participate in that sport.

Athletes who receive ISSP for the day may practice with the team, but they may not dress out or participate in a game.