

## Student Athlete Eligibility Policy

### PHILOSOPHY

Athletics disciplines the mind in learning how to overcome defeat and the body to submit to the mind.

The following procedures are enforced to ensure that students practice principles of good stewardship over their academic and athletic careers.

### CORE VALUES

STUDY.WORK.ENCOURAGE.ACCOUNTABLE.TOUGH

**STUDY** – *2 Timothy 2:15* – “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

As an **EAGLE** we value the importance of studying. On and off the court, being a student in whatever field or endeavor we are a part of is important. The emphasis in the phrase “student athlete” is on the word student. Being diligent in the classroom comes first and foremost. On the court it is supremely important to be a “student of the game”. Absorb the ins and outs of the schemes and techniques being taught in order to take your game to the next level. As a Christian, we are to do as the Scripture says and study His word daily. Just as studying for school prepares you for tests, and studying your playbook prepares you for games, studying God’s word prepares you for the battles and tests of everyday life.

**WORK** – *Colossians 3:23* – “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

As an **EAGLE** we value the importance of hard work. Our goal as **EAGLES** is to commit to the daily grind of hard work. Each day and in all tasks we commit to giving our best effort as if we were working for God. Whether it be school work, practice, or a 9-to-5 job, the goal is to give our complete effort in order to satisfy God not man. We believe that “hard work beats talent, when talent doesn’t work hard”; therefore we give our best effort in all that we do in order to not waste the talents given to us by God.

**ENCOURAGE** – *Ephesians 4:29* – “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

As an **EAGLE** we value the power of encouragement. Our tongues are powerful weapons and they will be used to uplift and encourage those around us. Perverse language and negative comments have no place among **EAGLES**. In a society where it seems “cool” to criticize and ridicule others, we take the stand to use our words to edify and encourage.

**ACCOUNTABLE** – *1 Corinthians 13:11* – “When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.”

As an **EAGLE** we value the importance of being accountable. As a child we had a limited concept of the idea of responsibilities and repercussions. But as we mature we understand that our actions have direct consequences and that taking responsibility of those actions is necessary to grow. We believe that, in order to hold

others accountable for their actions, we must first hold ourselves to that same standard. We believe that, in all situations, we alone are responsible for our actions and that, at the time of judgment, whether it be by our parents, our teacher, our coach, or God, we are judged only by our actions. We believe that our Yes's are yes, and our No's are no. An **EAGLE'S** word is bond and we stand by these principles.

**TOUGH** – *Joshua 1:9 – "This is my command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

As an **EAGLE** we value the importance of being tough. We believe that being physically tough is important but being mentally tough is just as important. Toughness is shown in the difficult times. When most people would quit or fold, **EAGLES** shine. We do not let people or situations discourage us. When things are difficult we stand firm in our faith that God will see us through. As **EAGLES** we understand we are not tough by our own merit but that toughness comes from GOD.

### **STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

A high school student must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale at the conclusion of each semester to be academically eligible during the next semester.

Incoming freshmen are eligible for their first semester, but may become ineligible for the next semester if their GPA is not a 2.0 at the conclusion of the first semester.

### **GRADING SCALE**

The following grading scale is used to calculate eligibility

A+	99-100	4.3	C+	77-79	2.3
A	93-98	4.0	C	73-76	2.0
A-	90-92	3.7	C-	70-72	1.7
B+	87-89	3.3	D+	66-69	1.3
B	83-86	3.0	D	60-65	1.0
B-	80-82	2.7	F	59 below	0.0

### **PROCEDURES FOR INELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

Academically ineligible students may have their cumulative GPA recalculated at the end of a semester of ineligibility, in order to gauge eligibility for the following semester.

If a student is deemed academically ineligible, he or she may not be allowed on the team bench or field of play wearing any portion of the team uniform.

Ineligible students may not participate in team practice unless they have enrolled in and consistently attend Academic Enhancement Program (AEP) sessions.