

Saranac Middle/High School Student Eligibility Policy

Mission:

Our mission is to provide a quality education through shared responsibility in a safe supportive environment for all students to meet the challenges of a global society. We are “Committed to Excellence”, and we work hard to make the site a primary source for timely information for all users, and a main gateway for improved communication between parents, teachers, students and other members of our community. Our goal and responsibility is to help each student develop an enthusiasm for learning, a respect for self and others, and the skills to become a creative independent thinker and problem solver.

Purpose:

For the purpose of this policy, extracurricular activities are defined as any non-credit bearing activities that take place outside the school day, which include but are not limited to athletics, clubs, and activities, to which the student belongs.

Policy:

1. After the first four weeks of the 1st quarter, grade pulls will begin. Grade reporting dates for determining eligibility will be defined by the building principal and shared on the website.
2. After each grade pull, an ineligibility list will be compiled:
 - a. High school: students failing *one or more courses*
 - b. Middle school: students failing *two or more courses*

**Failing is defined as a course average below 65.*
3. Any student who appears on the ineligibility list will have the following stipulations:
 - a. Students failing two or more courses are expected to continue attending practice, games, rehearsals, meetings, etc. but **will not** be permitted to participate in games, productions, events, etc.
 - b. Students failing only one course **will be** permitted to participate in games, productions, events, etc.
 - c. **All** students on the ineligibility list are unable to dismiss early for extracurricular activities if leaving early affects any of the classes the student is failing and/or a study hall/academic supports
 - d. Pass restriction
 - e. Loss of senior privileges

4. Students will remain on the ineligibility list until the next grade pull unless an academic contract is initiated by the student and accepted by the teacher. The following stipulations apply to the contract:
 - a. Student must initiate the contract within two school days of the list being released.
 - b. Contract acceptance is at the discretion of the teacher and the building principal.
 - c. Once the contract is accepted and the student achieves a passing grade of 65 or better, the student will be removed from the ineligibility list and privileges will be restored.

5. Any student with a disability, receiving services under IDEA or section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, may be placed on the ineligibility list pursuant to the policy herein. Prior to being placed on the list, it must be determined through the assigned special educator that:
 - a. The student's accommodations through their IEP are being implemented
 - b. The student's failing grades are not related to his/her disability

*If the criteria above has been confirmed, the policy will be enforced and the final decision will be left with the administrator.

Definitions:

1. Grade pull – Grades of all students are reviewed on a specific day of the week and gathered into a report for various stakeholders to utilize in respect to this policy.
2. Academic contract – A contract that a student initiates by bringing to one or more teachers to set up an individualized plan to improve their grades.
3. IEP – Individualized Education Plan
4. IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Act

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