

Woodson Athletics Handbook and Policy



Woodson School encourages students to participate in athletics to the extent to which they are able. This is an inter-scholastic program that is an integral part of the total education system. Our athletic program supports the highest development level of all participants and promotes high standards of ethics, sportsmanship, and personal conduct by encouraging student-athletes, coaches, staff, administration, and community to commit to these high standards. Athletics will provide students the opportunity to develop school pride and spirit, and will teach them the value of teamwork through their involvement. Participation in the athletic program is considered a privilege. Students will earn this privilege through satisfactory performances in both academics and citizenship. To be eligible to participate in any sport students must meet the academic and behavioral requirements, have parental consent, and have a passing physical by a doctor. The following eligibility rules apply to all students participating in athletics at Woodson School:

1. All students involved with athletic teams are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA, or C average, with no F grades. Weekly grade checks, progress reports, and report card grades will determine an athlete's eligibility. At anytime an athlete is determined ineligible, they may continue to participate in practices only, but will not be eligible to travel with, suit up with, or participate with the team in any athletic games. Students may participate in try outs if they are ineligible, but must be eligible prior to being accepted to the team.
2. Students not receiving at least a 2.0 average, with no F grades at the end of the last trimester of the school year will be considered ineligible for the first sport or activity of the school year. This does not exclude students from trying out for an athletic team. The first progress report grades will determine a student's eligibility status.
3. Along with being a good student academically, athletes are also required to be good citizens in school. Any student who has poor citizenship, possibly resulting in placement on Behavior Probation, will be ineligible for the duration of the trimester. Any home suspensions from school make the student ineligible for each day of home suspension. For example, if a student is given 3 days of suspension, the student is ineligible for those 3 days of competition. If a student is given a Saturday School or In-School Suspension, eligibility will be determined by site administration.
4. Any athlete who voluntarily terminates his/her involvement in a sport or activity may be ineligible to take part in the following sport or related activity



5. Sometimes it is necessary to remove a student from a sport for various reasons. It is recommended that when this measure is being considered, the student, parent and/or administrator discuss the issue with the coach.
6. The Woodson administration reserves the right to make the final determination in a student's eligibility.