



ST. ANTHONY
— DE PADUA —
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 19, 2019

Dear Student Athletes, Parents, and Coaches,

Thank you for being a part of athletics for our school and diocese! Students, we appreciate your dedication to sportsmanship and progressing. Parents, we appreciate the sacrifices you make to support your child in his or her development while representing our school. Coaches, we appreciate your contribution in forming young people in their skills and dispositions.

As our mission commits us to academic excellence, I am writing to explain our athletics eligibility policy. As we strive to reinforce to improved efforts and actions can have a positive impact on one's academic and school situation, we evaluate athlete's weekly for eligibility. Our hope is that each child will be proactive in maintaining his or her grades to ensure eligibility. In the event a student has difficulty, we want the athlete to be able to make appropriate changes to play again. However, we also want the team to be able to plan and proceed.

The basic guidelines are as follows:

- All grades must be at 70% or above.
- Conduct must be at a 1 or a 2.

When evaluating **weekly** eligibility, we consider each student's situation individually. We take into account the grade for each course, but we also look at effort. We consider many factors including:

- have offers for corrections and extra credit been utilized
- has the student had an opportunity to improve the grade since the last ineligibility period
- have all assignments have been turned in
- is work being turned in on time
- is the student asking for help

A student will be removed from a sports team upon the third week of ineligibility within a season. Once a student is deemed ineligible for the week, we will not review the situation until the following week. Ineligibility means a student cannot represent our school in competition. The decision to participate in practice is left to parents and coaches.

The purpose of the policy is to reinforce that student athletes are first and foremost students. We also want to acknowledge effort and improvement.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Bogol
Principal