



Governing Bodies Regarding Eligibility

- North Carolina High School Athletics Association
- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- Neuse Charter School Board of Directors

Factors for Eligibility

1. Age of the student-athlete.
2. Enrollment of the student-athlete. The student-athlete must maintain a minimum course load.
3. Promotion of the student-athlete. The student-athlete must be academically promoted or passed courses to remain eligible for the following semester.
4. Student-Athlete code of conduct.
 - ALL student-athletes must be registered on [DragonFly](#) and have all the necessary forms uploaded through DragonFly as well in order to be eligible to participate in athletic practices & games

Neuse Charter School Athletic Academic Eligibility (1.24.2023)

Neuse Charter School abides by the NCHSAA and the NCDPI guidelines for athletic eligibility. For both high and middle school students to be eligible to participate in Neuse Charter School-sponsored athletics:

1. Middle and High School student-athletes must not be absent from school more than 13 days in the previous semester.
2. If a student has been homeschooled the previous year the student must present

acceptable evidence of appropriate academic performance. The appropriate academy leader will perform the assessment to determine eligibility.

3. Grades and attendance will be evaluated at the end of each semester for the athlete to maintain eligibility. A student not eligible at the beginning of the semester can not become eligible during the semester.
4. Those students in the Exceptional Children's Program must be making "satisfactory progress" as indicated by their academic reports as well as meeting the attendance requirement. A student in the "Exceptional Children's Program" who follows the standard course of study curriculum program must pass five courses and the attendance requirement.

Additionally, for Middle School students to be eligible to participate in athletics:

1. Students in grades 6 (after 1st 9 weeks) 7th, and 8th, in order to be eligible for athletics, MUST meet local promotion standards and MUST have a 70 average for the previous grading period (4th 9 weeks).
2. A student must have been promoted to the next grade the previous school year.
3. All 6th-grade students are eligible to participate in athletics upon entry into the 6th grade.

Additionally, for High School students to be eligible to participate in athletics:

1. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, a student must be in good academic standing. For purposes of this rule, a student shall be deemed to be in good academic standing under the following circumstances:
 - a. The student passed at least seventy (70) percent of the courses taken in the preceding semester; and
 - b. The student is on track to advance to the next grade level or graduate within the next calendar year.
2. A student is eligible upon initial entry into ninth grade.

It is important to note that student-athletes must meet the minimum requirements as set forth by the state as well as the academic rigor policy that the NCS BOD has put into place. Coaches are encouraged to know and understand these policies but parents are encouraged to contact the Athletic Director or Academy Leaders directly if they have eligibility questions. Neuse Charter believes that it is a privilege to participate in sports and not a right. Student-athletes need to apply themselves in and out of the classroom as well as on and off the court or field of competition. Please reference the Student Athletic Code in the appendix.