



## **Athletic Eligibility Policy**

### *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 pass courses to remain eligible for the following semester.
4. Student-Athlete code of conduct.

### *Neuse Charter School Athletic Academic Eligibility*

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.

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

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

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

1. A student must have passed a minimum load of work during the preceding semester to be eligible at any time during the present semester. The semester is normally considered half of the academic year. All students must also meet local promotion standards, set by the LEA and/or the local school. A minimum load is defined as five courses in the traditional school schedule.
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.

Resources:

[NCHSAA Eligibility NCS Athletic Handbook](#)

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