

# **Bridgehampton School**

## **Athletic & Extracurricular Eligibility Policy**



**“Bee the Best You Can Bee”**

## Philosophy

The Bridgehampton School is first and foremost, a place of academic learning and this takes precedence over athletics and extracurricular activities. Athletics and extracurricular activities are defined as those activities taking place outside the regular school program. They are an outgrowth of the instructional program and are accepted as important components of a student's educational experience.

It is also recognized that participation in such programs provide students with benefits including the following: lessons in leadership, creative outlets that enhance personal growth and fulfillment, citizenship and character development of better human relationships, as well as improved school and community spirit. It also provides unique opportunities to test newly acquired knowledge and skills and to compete for honors and scholarships.

Believing this, the Bridgehampton Union Free School District's Board of Education asserts that the primary purpose of schooling is to develop one's intellectual potential to the highest degree attainable. The Board hereby states that participation in athletics and extracurricular activities is an earned privilege and that academic and citizenship standards will be maintained as set forth in order for students to participate.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS REGULATIONS

### Ineligibility – Academic Probation

A student will be placed on Academic Probation if he/she is failing one subject (below 65%) at an official review period.

A student on probation must stay in one standard period (Homework Club) at the end of the school day, at least two days per week. A student may work his/her way off the probation list by satisfying individual teacher requirements, and having the teacher who placed the student on probation send written notification to the Homework Club Supervisor. A student could remain on the Academic Probation List for the entire cycle.

A student failing two or more subjects will be ineligible to participate in contests, games, or major activities until grades are passing as determined by the Homework Club Supervisor. The student is expected to attend Homework Club and clear up the deficiencies during the designated standard period at the end of the school day.

Students who are ineligible may participate in practice sessions but may not participate in formal activities (e.g. athletic events such as games and scrimmages; dramatic presentations; and the like). Monitoring this policy shall be the responsibility of each activity coordinator/director/coach.

Ineligible students must attend Homework Club for at least 5 school days, and continue to attend two days per week until off of the list. If academic work is completed to the satisfaction of the classroom teacher and is verified by the Homework Club Supervisor, the student may be removed from ineligible status at any time, but must attend Homework Club for the minimum of 5 days.

*(See Appendix A)*

### Incompletes

At the end of a formal marking period, an "I" for Incomplete may be given as a formal grade and the student placed on probation. The student will have 15 school days to make up Incomplete work. The mark earned at the end of the 15th day will then be recorded on the student's report card in place of the "I". If a student does not complete the work in the allotted time, the incomplete will be considered a failure until such time as it is made up.

### Athletic Code of Behavior

Students who participate in any school-sponsored athletic activity must realize that they have an obligation to themselves, to their school, to their co-participants, and to the community to strive for excellence. It is hoped that participation in our programs will enable these students to value their learning experiences, to instill self-discipline and self-control, and to exercise mature behavior and judgment.

Participation in any of these activities demands a commitment which involves sacrifice and dedication. Respect for one's health and physical development must be an integral part of daily living. Significant findings in health research have clearly indicated the harmful effects of using tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, steroids, and other controlled substances.

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The Bridgehampton Union Free School District endorses these findings, and expects our students to adhere to the following standards when participating as a member of a team.

1. NO use of any form of alcoholic beverages
2. NO use of any tobacco products
3. NO use of drugs in any form unless prescribed by a physician.
4. NO selling or possession of any of the above substances

When violations of these standards become known to school authorities, the student(s) will be subject to the following procedures:

- 1a. The student(s) will be afforded an opportunity to respond to the alleged violation.
- 1b. When an athlete violates these standards, the Athletic Director, Assistant Administrator and the Superintendent will investigate the alleged violation. During an investigation of an alleged violation, the Athletic Director and Superintendent will determine what suspension will be given during that time. If judged guilty of a violation, the athlete will be suspended from twenty percent (20%) of their total scheduled contests. This includes non-league and league games, tournament and post season play. This suspension applies to violations which occur any time after the first scheduled practice and continues until the end of the season.

Athletes suspended under these circumstances are required to participate in all practices. The suspended athlete must also travel and attend all contests with their respective teams. Additionally, the student(s) must meet for counseling with a designated coach, counselor, or staff member.

- 1c. In the event that a subsequent violation is determined, the student(s) will be totally suspended from participating in all sport activities for the remainder of the school year. Counseling participation shall be a requirement for reinstatement prior to the next school year. The appropriate counselor will be determined by the Athletic Director and the Superintendent.

### Additional Eligibility for Athletic Participation

1. Participants must be a bona fide student of the school and taking at least four subjects including physical education in grades 7-12. Situations in which a student attends BOCES or is participating in a work study program will be addressed by the Athletic Director.
2. An athlete may not participate in any sport until the following items have been completed and filed with the Athletic Director.
  - a. Parent Consent Form
  - b. Medical History Card
  - c. Emergency Information Card
  - d. Physical Examination by our School Physician
  - e. Athletic Code of Behavior signed by both student and parent.
3. A student must try out for a sport on the starting date determined by Section XI. Exceptions to this must be approved by the Athletic Director.

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4. Unless excused by the Physical Education teacher, students must participate in Physical Education class to be eligible to practice or compete in athletic activities on that day.
5. Students must maintain a good record of school and community citizenship. A student's eligibility to participate in athletic activities may be suspended or revoked for violations of the law, school rules, or athletic training policies. The student must also demonstrate good sportsmanship during both practice sessions and competitive events. If a student violates any of the above standards, he/she may be declared ineligible by the Athletic Director or the Superintendent for a period of time as is determined by the Athletic Director and the Superintendent.
6. Students who serve ISS/OSS may not practice or compete until the day after the last assigned suspension day. (The last suspension day ends at midnight.)
7. Students must be in school by 9:00 a.m. in order to participate in any athletic activity, (event, game or practice) Doctor appointments and/or extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the Athletic Director.
8. Students' eligibility to participate may be suspended or revoked for excessive absences from practice, games, or other team activities.
9. A coach and or advisor may add additional eligibility requirements when approval is given by the Athletic Director and/or the Superintendent.
10. Any activity is considered to begin with its first meeting and end with its last organized function. To be eligible for awards, a participant must finish the activity in good standing. This evaluation will be based on the student's performance throughout the entire season.

### Extracurricular Code of Behavior

A student involved in any extracurricular activity must realize that they have an obligation to themselves, to their school, and to their community, to strive for excellence.

Students must maintain a good record of school and community citizenship. A student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities may be suspended or revoked for violations of the law, school rules, or any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent will investigate the alleged violation and implement appropriate disciplinary action.

### Additional Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation

1. Participants must be a bona fide student of the school and taking at least four subjects in grades 7-12. Situations in which a student attends BOCES or is participating in a work study program will be addressed by the Superintendent.
2. A student may not participate in any activity until the following items have been completed and filed with advisor.

Extracurricular Code of Behavior signed by both student and parent.

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3. Students must maintain a good record of school and community citizenship. A student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities may be suspended or revoked for violations of the law and/or school rules. If a student violates any of the above standards, he/she may be declared ineligible by the Advisor or the Superintendent for a period of time as is determined by the Superintendent.
4. Students who serve ISS/OSS may not participate until the day after the last assigned suspension day. (The last suspension day ends at midnight.)
5. Students' eligibility to participate may be suspended or revoked for excessive absences.
6. An advisor may add additional eligibility requirements when approval is given by the Superintendent.
7. Any activity is considered to begin with its first meeting and end with its last organized function. To be eligible for awards, a participant must finish the activity in good standing. This evaluation will be based on the student's performance throughout the entire activity.

### Right To Appeal

Students have the right to appeal consequences applied for a wide variety of reasons: academic, behavioral and or social. The appeal process is an effort to achieve fairness for the student in order to ensure that no student is wrongfully penalized.

### Appeal Procedure

#### Step 1:

The student and/or parent/guardian will arrange to meet with the individual (coach/teacher/advisor/or administrator) who initiated the "consequence" applied to the student. (Consequence - any type of discipline such as ISS, academic or athletic probation/ineligibility, external suspension/expulsion, removal from class, etc.)

#### Step 2 (If dissatisfied with result at Step 1):

The student and/or parent/guardian will meet with the individual teacher and appropriate administrator (Athletic Director, Guidance, or Assistant Principal) in an attempt to mediate the "behavior" that precipitated the consequence and the consequence itself.

#### Step 3 (If dissatisfied with result at Step 2):

The student and/or parent/guardian will meet with the Appeals Committee. At this level, the Committee will investigate all issues of the "case" and make a determination in as timely a fashion as possible. The Appeals Committee will be chaired by the Superintendent and will include the appropriate administrator, coach/advisor (if applicable) and at least two additional teachers selected by the Superintendent.

#### Step 4 (If dissatisfied with result at Step 3):

The student and/or parent/guardian may request an executive session with the Board of Education for the purpose of appealing the decision of the Appeals Committee.

### Parent Responsibility as to Athletic/Extracurricular Code of Behavior

1. Encourage your child to abide by the commitment he/she made upon signing the Extracurricular Code of Behavior, and support all his/her efforts to do so.

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2. Guide your child to develop and to follow socially acceptable standards of behavior, to exercise self-control and to be accountable for his/her actions.
3. Teach your child, by work and example, respect for law, for the authority of the school and for the rights and property of others.
4. Know and understand the rules your child is expected to observe at school; be aware of the consequences for any violation of these rules and accept legal responsibility for your child's actions.
5. Become acquainted with your child's school, its staff and activities. Attend parent/advisor conferences and school activities (sporting events, plays, concerts, PTO functions, etc.).

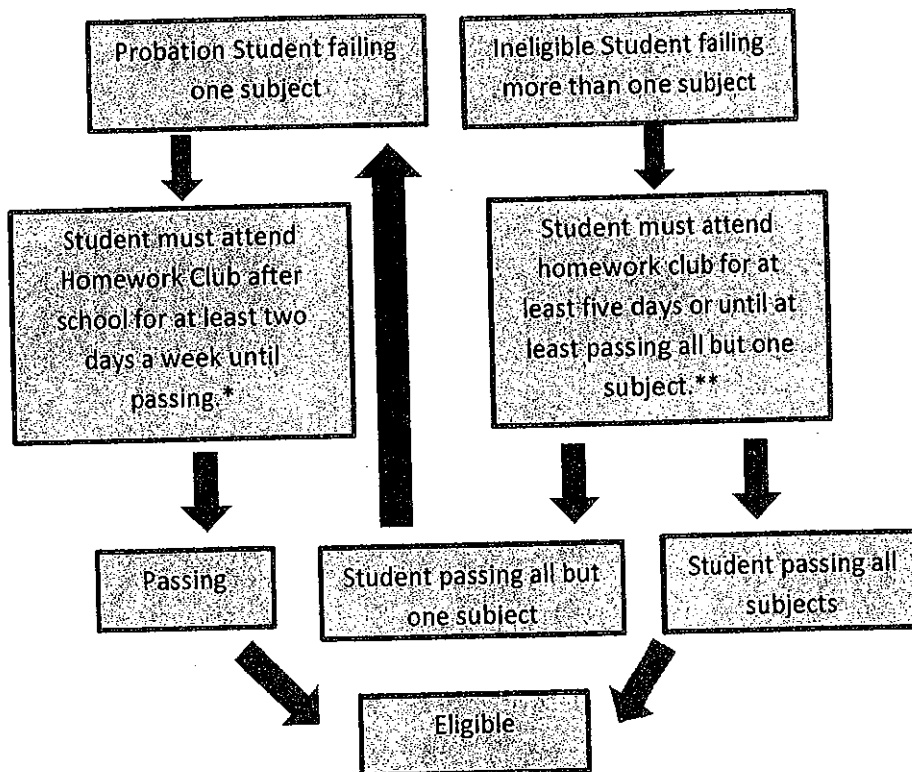
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**ACADEMIC PROBATION**



\*Probationary students may attend practices and formal activities provided they are attending Homework Club two days per week.

\*\* Ineligible students must attend Homework Club for five days, and continue to attend for two days a week until off of the lists.

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# ATHLETIC CODE OF BEHAVIOR

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the Athletic Code of behavior and eligibility requirements, and I am signing for the privilege of participating in athletic activities. I recognize that I am subject to all the rules of this Code.

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, have read and understand the Code and realize that my child is subject to its provisions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date