

ACADEMIC PROBATION: The Rockaway Borough School District believes that extra-curricular/interscholastic activities are a valuable part of the entire education of each student. Participation in these programs, however, is considered a privilege and therefore students must adhere to the district's policy regarding academic eligibility, attendance, and good citizenship in and out of the classroom. Participation in extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic activities should be maintained and supported by academic standards. Each student should maintain high academic standards while pursuing extracurricular activities that contribute to a well-rounded education. Therefore, extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic eligibility requirements have been established to monitor and encourage student academic progress. The District must also hold itself accountable as educators, coaches, and club advisors to provide the students with opportunities to reach and maintain these standards and academic progress.

Extracurricular activities are defined as all activities EXCEPT those in which student participation is necessary to receive a grade in a course in which the student is currently enrolled. The Extra-Curricular Policy will affect participation in all extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic programs and activities, including, but not limited to, the following: All clubs, athletics including cheerleading, Student Government officers, Mathletes, musicals, Stage Crew, School Newspaper, Yearbook, etc.

The following guidelines pertain to all students participating in extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic activities:

- Any student that has earned an "F" or 2 "D's" in any subject prior to try-outs will be permitted to try-out or participate in the extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic activity. However, they will begin the season on probation.
- Academic progress for all students participating in extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic activities will be reported to the principal every two weeks by the advisor/coach.
- Students who are receiving two D's or one or more failures in ANY subject will be placed on academic probation for a period of two weeks. While on probation, students may participate in the activity. During this two-week period, the student must report, if available, to the academic assistance program (AAP) twice per week to work towards raising their grades to meet the eligibility standards. Failure to report to AAP will result in a two-week suspension from the extra-curricular/interscholastic activity.
- After the probation period, students who have met the eligibility standards will be removed from probation and restored to full eligibility.
- Students who did not meet the eligibility standards will be placed on suspension for a period of two weeks. During the two-week suspension, the student may not participate in the extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic activity. The student must attend, if available, the AAP twice per week to work towards raising their grades to meet the eligibility standards. Failure to report to the AAP will result in removal from the extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic activity.
- After the two-week suspension period, students who meet the eligibility standards will be removed from suspension and placed on probation for the remainder of the extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic activity and will be placed back on suspension if they do not meet eligibility standards any time during the remainder of the activity.
- Students who do not meet the eligibility standards will be removed from the extra-curricular/interscholastic activity for the remainder of the activity.
- A student must be in attendance at school by 10:30 AM in order to participate or practice in any extra-curricular/interscholastic athletic activity. A student must be in attendance at school on Friday by 10:30 AM in order to participate or practice in any extra-curricular/interscholastic activity occurring that weekend. Students should be present for a minimum of 4 hours in order to participate in the practice/event. Any exception must be approved by the administration.