

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY

In the belief that Bishop Loughlin educates the whole person and that athletics and extracurricular activities are a vital part of that education, this policy for eligibility for participation in sports or activities is intended to provide a guideline to insure that students are aware that such participation is predicated on meeting their academic requirements. Because of the difference in the time commitment, the policy is divided into two parts:

I. For ATHLETICS

1. All students must conform to the discipline, attendance and punctuality standards of the school.
2. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who wish to participate in an activity and/or sport in the fall before the first report card will be eligible based upon their previous report card. The June report card would be judged by the same standards as listed below. Students who have multiple failures on the June report card and who have successfully completed summer school will be subject to probation for the first academic quarter.
3. Progress reports will be reviewed in October for those students who are engaged in a sport or are identified as potential athletes. Students having one or more negative progress reports will be seen by the Athletic Director and will be told of the availability of the Homework Center for tutoring. Other forms of tutoring must be approved by the Academic Assistant Principal. The Guidance Department will be informed and will work with the students and the Athletic Director. Students will be encouraged by the Director to attend the Homework Center and will be told of the consequences of failing classes on their first report card. A letter will be sent to the parents of all students informing them of the interventions and the consequences.
4. At the end of each quarter, the Athletic Director will review the report cards of the students and prepare a list of students with one or more failures. The Director will meet with the Assistant Principal for Academics and formulate a plan for each student identified according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Students with one failure will be seen and encouraged to improve by attending the Homework Center.
 - b. Students with two failures will be seen and told that they are on "academic probation". Academic Probation means that a student

athlete may practice with and engage in interscholastic sports with his/her team. Student athletes who are on Academic Probation must attend the Homework Center at least three days a week and show satisfactory improvement (a passing grade) based on interim progress reports from the teachers in each of the subjects failed within a month to maintain eligibility for the sport. Should a student not attend the Homework Center or not satisfactorily improve within the month, suspension from the activity would result until there is improvement which could be demonstrated on future report cards. Parents would be informed about the probation by mail.

- c. Students with three or more failures will be seen and suspended from the sport. Suspension means that a student athlete may practice with his/her team, but may not engage in interscholastic competitions. Suspended student athletes must attend the Homework Center at least three days a week and must show satisfactory improvement (a passing grade) based on interim progress reports from the teachers in each of the subjects failed in order to be moved to the status of Academic Probation. Failure to meet these requirements would result in continued suspension until satisfactory improvement is demonstrated on the next report card. Parents would be informed about the suspension by mail.

II. For ACTIVITIES

1. All students must conform to the discipline, attendance and punctuality standards of the school.
2. The Director of Activities and the Director of Performing Arts will prepare a list each quarter of the students in academic difficulty and meet with the Assistant Principal for Academics to discuss each student. A program will be developed for each student. The student may be suspended from one or more activities. Reinstatement would result only if the student demonstrated progress. Students will be seen and the parents will be informed about the suspension by mail.