

## EXTERNAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In athletics, all eligibility requirements of the Michigan High School Athletic Association must be met. In particular, all students must be passing at least four classes; if a student is not passing four classes at the end of a semester, that student will be ineligible for the entire following semester. The MHSAA does allow student-athletes to regain their eligibility by successful completion of summer classes. Other outside regulatory organizations may also require that Hackett comply with their eligibility guidelines.

## INTERNAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Eligibility for School Representatives, Athletes and Co-curricular Participants

Students who wish to become school representatives, try out or practice for an athletic team or be a co-curricular participant\* must meet the eligibility requirements. These requirements are a 2.0 marking period GPA and receiving full credit in 5 semester courses\*. These requirements are based on the previous marking period at the time of their initial participation, election, try out or practice.

If a sport or co-curricular event begins on the first day after the end of a marking period and prior to grades being processed, students will be allowed to participate under the condition that their participation will end immediately if they fail to meet the internal eligibility requirements stated above when the grades are processed.

Fall eligibility is based on the fourth marking period from the previous year.

Students must continue to meet the requirement during sports seasons. Eligibility will be checked at the mid point of the marking period. If a student does not meet the requirement at that time, he or she will be considered on Restricted Eligibility\*. If the sport season continues until after the next marking period and the student had been on restricted eligibility, then he or she would be become ineligible if he or she does not meet the internal requirements listed above.

### \*DEFINITIONS

**Co-curricular Participant:** One who belongs to a group, which requires students to meet more than five hours per week outside the normal school day for more than three consecutive weeks.

**School Representatives:** This group would include, but is not limited to, class officers, school wide officers, and school representatives including homecoming and winter fest courts or support personnel for school activities such as theatre support personnel or other similar groups.

**Full credit semester course:** This is any .5 credit course offered on a semester basis.

**Restricted Eligibility:** The student is allowed to continue to practice but may not participate in any performance, contest, or organizational activity.

**Ineligibility:** The student is not allowed to participate in any capacity.

If it is the belief of a student and/or his/her parents that unique circumstances have led to the loss of eligibility, then an appeal may be filed with the Administrative Advisory Board. This board is comprised of the Administrator in charge, three Academic Council members, and a staff member other than the one who is currently in charge of the activity before the board. Following a scheduled meeting, the board will make its recommendation to the principal within two school days. The student and/or parents must show truly unusual or unique situations, which have caused the student to become ineligible if a waiver is to be granted. This board will in no way override the state guidelines set down by the M.H.S.A.A.