

## **ARTICLE VI - ELIGIBILITY RULES: STUDENT**

The primary purpose of school is education. The participation in athletics is a privilege for those students who are academically eligible. An ineligible player is not allowed to participate against another school in any competition whether practice sessions, scrimmages, jamborees, or scheduled games (SCISA or out-of-league games). An academically ineligible player may not take part in practice sessions.

### **SECTION I: ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS A PREREQUISITE TO PARTICIPATION.**

- A. A student in grades 9-12 must take and pass at least four (4), one unit CORE Courses or any five (5) one unit courses, each grading period (6/9/12 week) or semester to be eligible. Students below the 9th grade must pass four (4) subjects each grading period/semester. A senior who has met or is meeting all requirements for graduation must pass four (4), one-credit courses each marking period/semester. *Note: A student must have earned 4 core units or any 5 units of credit to be declared eligible at the start of a school year. Also, courses taken during the school year by the "Home School" method are not eligible for athletic eligibility determination. "Virtual school" course will be considered on a case by case basis and must receive prior approval.*
- B. Any student who did not receive credit for at least one-half of all courses taken the previous school year cannot be declared eligible until after the successful completion of the 1st semester. A Maximum of Two Credits earned during summer sessions may be accepted from an accredited school with an established summer school program.
- C. A student may use college credit courses for eligibility purposes provided the student has met or is meeting all requirements for graduation. A maximum of One (1) Correspondence Course per school year may be used for eligibility purposes.
- D. A One Credit Course is a course taken for 36 weeks, one period each day for a minimum of 45 minutes. A course taken each day as above for 18 weeks would be a half credit high when combined with another half credit course would be the equivalent of a one credit course. A course taken for 36 weeks but only three, 45 minute periods each week would not be a one credit course. *Note: A One credit Course taken for 18 weeks, shall meet for one period each day for a minimum of 90 minutes. Dual Credit Courses are treated as one half of a carnige unit.*
- E. Core Courses: Those courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science and Foreign Language that are recommended by the Commission on Higher Education and are common to SCISA schools.
- F. Eligibility is to be declared on the fourth (4th) school day after the end of the marking period. A student shall become eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on the fourth school day after the end of the marking period. *Example 1: The marking period ends on Friday. Student X becomes eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on Thursday. Example 2: The marking period ends on a Monday and Tuesday is a holiday for students. Student Y becomes eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on the following Monday.*

### **SECTION V: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY BELOW GRADE 9**

- 1. Students below the 9th grade must pass four (4) subjects each grading period/semester to be eligible for the next grading period
- 2. A student must have passed the previous school year to be eligible for athletic participation the first grading period.
- 3. A student who repeats a grade below the ninth grade after having passed that grade would not be eligible during the year that is repeated. A waiver may be considered following the presentation of appropriate academic documentation detailing school's recommendation for repeating the grade.
- 4. All students must comply with the age requirements and grade level restrictions for each level of competition.