

# NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws Committee

## Amended By-Laws with Interpretations

### Part II, Article XIV, SECTION IV

Students must be making satisfactory progress toward the school's requirements for graduation. The school where the student is fully enrolled and regularly attends shall determine satisfactory progress. Failure to acquire two and one half credits at the end of a semester will make him/her ineligible for a minimum of two weeks the following semester. (2015)

### INTERPRETATIONS - SECTION IV of Article XIV – Rules of Eligibility

- Art XIV-Sec IV: 1. Q: What is meant by fully enrolled?  
A: Fully enrolled is the minimum number of credits required by the local school district with the minimum standard being two and one-half credits per semester.
- Art XIV-Sec IV: 2. Q: How is satisfactory progress determined?  
A: The Association does not set up academic standards for schools. Satisfactory progress is determined by the local school district.
- Art XIV-Sec IV: 3. Q: May a student earn credit during the summer to make up failed course(s) from the preceding semester?  
A: Summer makeup courses may be accepted as determined by the local school district.
- Art XIV-Sec IV: 4. Q: When may a student who is academically ineligible the current semester for not having made adequate progress toward graduation the previous semester be considered eligible for participation?  
A: This student becomes eligible exactly two weeks from the first day of the semester. If the first day of the semester falls on a Wednesday, this student shall become eligible at 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the Wednesday two weeks later if passing the current semester. Likewise, if the first day of the semester falls on a Monday, this student shall become eligible at 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, two weeks later. Local schools districts may have higher standards.
- Art XIV-Sec IV: 5. Q: What courses count toward the minimum number of credits needed to make satisfactory progress?  
A: Approved course credits recorded on a student transcript are allowable as determined by the local school district.
- Art XIV-Sec IV: 6. Q: What other information should be considered in determining eligibility:  
1. A student entering ninth grade for the first time is immediately eligible for interscholastic competition. Each succeeding semester after the first time in the ninth grade, a student must complete a minimum of two and one half credits and be eligible as determined by the local school district.  
2. Thirty days or more of attendance or participation in interscholastic competition within any shorter period constitutes enrollment in any semester.  
3. The last semester of attendance need not necessarily be immediately preceding the present semester except under Part II, Article XIV, Section XI, which states that the seventh and eighth semesters of a student must be consecutive.  
4. Jr. High students must be passing all courses to be eligible to participate on a high school team.
- Art XIV-Sec IV: 7. Q: Is a high school released from application of the rule if they maintain all of their credits on a unit or trimester basis and do not record credits at the end of a semester?  
A: No. All Association rules apply equally to all member schools. The school is responsible for determining a date that will be considered the end of the semester that is approximately halfway through their school year. In order to be eligible to participate in NDHSAA sponsored sports and activities the following semester, each student must have completed at least two and one half credits per local school policy the previous semester of attendance.

- Art XIV-Sec IV: 8. Q: Is a fully enrolled ninth grade student who fails to make satisfactory progress and returns as a ninth grade student the following school year eligible to participate immediately just like other ninth grade students?  
A: No. This would be his/her third semester in high school.
- Art XIV-Sec IV: 9. Q: May a student who is academically ineligible during a semester transfer to another school and be eligible to participate at the new school?  
A: A student is academically ineligible for competition at all levels until he/she is determined academically eligible by the local school district in his/her new school.

## **Part II, Article XIV, SECTION VIII**

**Thirty days or more of attendance or participation in interscholastic competition within any shorter period being sufficient to constitute enrollment in any semester. (2015)**

### **INTERPRETATIONS - SECTION VIII of Article XIV – Rules of Eligibility**

- Art XIV-Sec VIII: 1. Q: Is a student eligible to participate if he/she did not attend school the previous semester but was academically eligible per local school policy the last semester of attendance?  
A: Yes, The last semester of attendance need not necessarily be immediately preceding the present semester except under Part II, Article XIV, Section XI, which states that the seventh and eighth semesters of a student must be consecutive.
- Art XIV-Sec VIII: 2. Q: If a student is enrolled less than thirty school days in a semester, would this constitute one of his/her semesters of attendance?  
A: No, since it is less than thirty school days, unless he/she participated in interscholastic competition.
- Art XIV-Sec VIII: 3. Q: If a student withdraws after 30 school days in a semester, does this count as a semester of attendance?  
A: Yes. Enrollment of thirty school days or more constitutes a semester.

## **Jr. High By-Laws**

### **Part IV, Article III, Section XI: General Regulations**

**Section XI: Scholarship: Jr. High students must meet the same academic requirements as set forth for senior high school competition. (2015)**

1. Jr. High students must be passing all courses to be eligible to participate on a high school team.