

Da Vinci Schools

Board Policy and Procedures

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY BASED ON ACADEMIC STANDING

The following guidelines are designed to provide clarity, promote transparency, and ensure the fair and equitable application of academic standards for athletic eligibility across Da Vinci Schools.

Academic Eligibility Policy Overview

To participate in athletic contests or be dismissed early from class to attend athletic events, students must meet the following academic eligibility requirements:

- Maintain a minimum **unweighted 2.0 GPA**, as required by CIF.
- Have **no incomplete grades**, as required by Da Vinci Schools.

A student's failure to meet the academic eligibility requirements will **not** prevent them from participating in athletic tryouts or team practices that take place outside of regular school hours.

Athletic Grade Checks will be run during these weeks for the 2026/27 school year.

Grade Check	Professional Development Dates	First Wednesday After
#1	11-Sep-26	16-Sep-26
#2	9-Oct-26	14-Oct-26
#3	2-Nov-26	4-Nov-26
#4	18-Dec-26	23-Dec-26
#5	January 4–8, 2027	13-Jan-27
#6	5-Feb-27	10-Feb-27
#7	19-Mar-27	24-Mar-27
#8	7-May-27	12-May-27

Athletes who do not meet the minimum academic eligibility requirements may continue to

participate in team practices; however, they may not participate in athletic games or contests and will not be permitted to receive an early dismissal from class for games or other team-related activities.

Athletic Department Responsibilities

The Athletic Director is responsible for:

- **Communicating the athletic eligibility policy** to student-athletes and coaches.
- **Maintaining an accurate and accessible roster** of eligible and ineligible student-athletes through Basecamp.
- **Notifying the student-athlete, parent/guardian(s), site administrator, and coach** of the student-athlete's ineligibility within one week of the grade check. The notification will include the process and requirements for reinstatement.
- **Notifying coaches and monitoring compliance** to ensure that an ineligible student-athlete does not participate in athletic contests during the period of ineligibility.

Reinstatement of Athletic Eligibility

Student-athletes who become academically ineligible may continue to participate in team practices but may not participate in athletic contests or receive early dismissal for athletic events.

The following process will be used to reinstate athletic eligibility:

1. **Weekly Progress Reports:** Ineligible student-athletes must have their teachers complete a weekly academic progress report (emailed to the student by the athletic department). The Athletic Director will provide the progress report to the coach each week for monitoring purposes.
2. **Meeting with School Administrator:** Once the student-athlete has met the academic eligibility requirements, they must initiate a meeting with their school administrator to request reinstatement.
3. **Eligibility Review:** The school administrator will meet with the student-athlete and their parent/guardian to review the student's academic progress, confirm that the eligibility requirements have been met, and establish a plan for maintaining satisfactory academic performance.
4. **Notification to Athletic Director:** Once eligibility has been confirmed, the school administrator will notify the Athletic Director via email that the student-athlete has met the requirements for reinstatement.
5. **Clearance to Participate:** Upon receiving confirmation from the school administrator, the

Athletic Director will notify the coach that the student-athlete has been cleared to participate in athletic contests and receive early dismissal for athletic events.

Important: Student-athletes may be reinstated as soon as they meet the eligibility requirements and **do not need to wait until the next scheduled athletic grade check.**

Semester Eligibility Restriction: If a student-athlete has been academically reinstated during the calendar year and subsequently falls below a 2.0 GPA during a later grade check within the same calendar year, **the student-athlete will remain ineligible for the remainder of the semester and will not be eligible for early reinstatement during that semester.**

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