

ARAPAHOE SCHOOL ACADEMIC POLICY

The participation in extra-curricular activities is voluntary and is considered a privilege granted by our school district. Our students can learn social skills, develop self-confidence and self-discipline and learn to appreciate the value of hard work through these activities.

For students in grades 9-12:

Arapahoe Public School adheres to the rules of the NSAA. A student shall pass 20 semester credit hours of class work per semester to remain eligible for NSAA Activities the following semester. Based on NSAA Policy, eligibility status is made every semester during the year. A participant failing to complete requirement #1 must be declared ineligible for competition for the following semester. In the Arapahoe Schools, this policy applies to all extra-curricular activity participation.

A full credit class shall be considered to be a class that meets daily for one class period all year long or the equivalent amount of time. A full credit class carries the following credits: Semester Credits: 5 semester credit hours.

In addition to these rules,

7-12 ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR ARAPAHOE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following eligibility requirements have been established by an eligibility committee comprised of teachers, coaches, administrators, and school board members.

- 1) Every quarter constitutes a fresh start for every student. Beginning the 3rd Monday of every quarter eligibility requirements must be met to participate in any activities for that week. The next eligibility period will start over the following Monday.
- 2) Each Monday at 9:00 the building principal will check all grades for students in grades 7-12. If a student is FAILING ONE subject they will be required to call home and informed their parents/guardians they are failing a subject. The students failing one subject will be eligible to participate in activities for that week. However, the committee feels its important that parents are made aware that your child is in danger of not being eligible in the near future.
- 3) A student is deemed ineligible for the week's activities if they are FAILING TWO OR MORE subjects on Monday during the weekly grade check. Students will be brought to the office to call home and let their parents/guardians know that they are ineligible for the coming week's activities. That student will remain on the ineligible list the entire week. The next chance for that student to become eligible is the next grade check which is the following Monday. If your child is ineligible several times they will continue to call you every Monday to make sure there is no miscommunication.
- 4) Activities include all athletic contests, music programs (including the musical),

band programs, speech contests, FFA activities, FCCLA activities, student council activities, dances, homecoming, quiz bowl and prom. Students will be allowed to practice during this time. However, the ineligible student will not be dismissed from school to travel with the team, and will not be allowed to sit on the bench or be on the sidelines with the team during home or away contest. The committee strongly discourages students from attending any activity that they are not eligible to participate in.

- 5) 9th hour is available to students but NOT REQUIRED. Students can NO LONGER attend 9th hour for eligibility. 9th hour will now be for those students who need some quiet time to get homework completed for the day. 9th hour will take place in the library Monday-Thursday until 4:30 with Mr. Braithwait. If a student needs to work with a teacher directly, the student will need to arrange a time to meet with that respective teacher. If the student is having difficulty arranging a time, they will need to arrange a time through Mr. Braithwait, who will make sure a time gets set up.
- 6) If you have any questions feel free to call Mr. Braithwait at the school. Do not wait until your child is ineligible before asking questions. Please understand that once a student is declared ineligible for the week, nothing will change until the next Monday no matter how upset you or your child may be. The time for questions are now.

Students with conditions, which qualify them for special education intervention, shall have the conditions of this policy adapted to the requirements identified in the individual's IEP.

In order to ensure fairness and objectivity in the administration of the academic policy, the superintendent or his/her administrative designee shall have the authority to make exceptions to the policy in the event of extenuating circumstances. (ex. Doctors appointment, sick leave - must have a parental note - school transportation after school is NOT an extenuating circumstance)

The following list represents the Arapahoe Public School's activities:

Non-Athletic/Competitions

Instrumental Music	Cheerleading	FCCLA
National Honor Society	Vocal Music	FFA
Speech Team	Student Council	Flag Team
School Plays/Musical	Senior Sneak	Prom Activities
Homecoming Activities	Academic Decathlon/Quiz Bowl Team	
School Dances	Homecoming and Prom Candidate	
Class Field Trips and/or Competitions (if graded, alternative class work will be assigned for students ineligible to attend a class trip or competition)		

Athletics

Basketball	Cross Country	Wrestling	Volleyball
Football	Golf	Track	

Club Activities

Trap Team