

## **Interscholastic Activities**

Students in grades 7 – 12 who wish to participate in Interscholastic Activities at R.H.M.S. or R.H.H.S. must meet the eligibility requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). In addition to the eligibility requirements established by the OHSAA, a student will need to have achieved a **1.50** grade point average in the previous grading period in which he/she wishes to participate.

## **Academic Improvement Program**

Students who participate in interscholastic athletic activities and fall below the **1.50** GPA may participate in the Richmond Heights Academic Improvement Program for conditional eligibility. This is an academic improvement program designed to help students who have not met the district's academic eligibility standards. Active participation in this program allows students to participate in activities on a probationary status as long as improvement in grades is achieved.

## **Non Interscholastic Activities**

Students in non interscholastic activities: clubs, activities such as Variety Shows, Musicals or Plays, Senior Seven, Homecoming Court, Prom King, Prom Queen, Prom Princess, Parking Privileges, Senior Early Dismissal, Late Arrival, Student-Faculty Game and Powder Puff Participants must have a **1.50** GPA to be eligible for participation.

## **Academic Improvement Program Requirements**

The coach checks the academically ineligible list and informs the student that he/she is eligible to participate in the Academic Improvement Program.

### **The following conditions apply:**

- 1) The student and his/her parent read and sign the permission to participate form.
- 2) The student returns the completed form to their coach.
- 3) It is the students' responsibility to attend after school study sessions and/or meet with the teachers for tutoring in the difficulty areas. Attendance at study sessions and/or tutoring will be

documented on the weekly eligibility form.

- 4) Coaches will distribute a weekly eligibility form to the student, who will in turn, have each teacher document weekly academic achievement, homework completion, and attendance.
- 5) The student will have his/her parent read and sign the weekly eligibility form prior to turning it in to their coach.
- 6) If a student does not demonstrate improvement in the areas listed above, he/she will be unable to participate in athletic contests until the weekly eligibility form shows evidence of improvement.
- 7) The athletic director will be the ultimate determiner of whether satisfactory improvement is being made.
- 8) Students in the Academic Improvement Program will provide completed weekly eligibility forms to the head coach by 3:00 p.m. every Thursday.
- 9) A student who fails to complete this task is automatically ineligible for any contests during the next week. Failure to provide a completed

eligibility form to their head coach a second time will result in the student being ineligible for the rest of the grading period.

- 10) At the end of the season, students who meet the **1.50** GPA minimum will not have to continue in the Academic Improvement Program.
- 11) Students who fail to meet the **1.50** GPA MUST continue in the Academic Improvement Program for the next grading period and successive grading periods during the current school year until such time as the student achieves the **1.5** GPA. Note: During this period, if the coach is not available, the athletic director will monitor the students' progress.

A STUDENT WHO DROPS OUT OF THE ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AGAIN.

## Individual Education Plans

In the case of a student being educated under an I.E.P., the I.E.P. team shall determine whether or not the student has met the eligibility standards appropriate for participation in an interscholastic athletic activity.

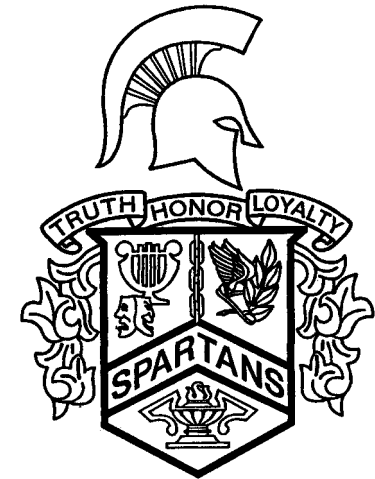
## Physical Examinations

Prior to enrolling in the sport or activity, each student shall submit to a thorough physical examination by a physician. The parent or legal guardian of the student-athlete shall report any past or current health problems along with a physician's statement that any such problems have or are being treated and pose no threat to the student's participation.

Any student who is found to have a health condition which may be life threatening to self or others shall not be allowed to participate until the situation has been analyzed by a medical review panel that has determined the conditions under which the student may participate. The district shall assume no liability for any student with a health condition who has been authorized to play by the parents.

## Richmond Heights Local Schools

Interscholastic & Student Activities  
Eligibility Policy



Adopted Oct. 11, 2004

# Eligibility Checklist For High School Student-Athletes

Before you play, you must be eligible. Please review the following checklist with your parents. Unchecked boxes will likely mean you are **NOT** eligible. For questions, see your principal or athletic administrator.

- 1. I am officially enrolled in an OHSAA member high school.
- 2. I am enrolled in at least five one credit courses or the equivalent.
- 3. I received passing grades in at least five one credit courses, or the equivalent, during my last grading period.
- 4. I live in the same school district as my parents or legal guardian.
- 5. I have not changed schools without a corresponding move by my parents or legal guardian or by qualifying for one of the exceptions to the OHSAA transfer regulation.
- 6. I have not been enrolled in high school for more than eight semesters.
- 7. I did not turn 19 before August 1, 2004.
- 8. I have not received an award, equipment or prize valued at greater than \$200 per item.
- 9. I am competing under my true name and have provided my school with my correct home address.
- 10. I have not competed in a mandatory open gym/facility.
- 11. I have not been coached or been provided instruction by a school coach other than during my sport season or for no more than 10 days between June 1 and July 31 (applies to team sports only).
- 12. I am not competing on a non-school team during my school team's season.
- 13. I have not been recruited to attend this school.
- 14. I am not using anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.
- 15. I have had a physical examination within the past year and it is on file at my school.