

Academic Extracurricular Eligibility

The general educational philosophy of the Patchogue-Medford School District is based on the belief that all students should pass all their subjects. To that end, we urge all members of the school community (teachers and parents alike) to do their utmost to encourage all students to adopt this goal as a minimum standard. The district also believes that all students should be encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities while still maintaining good grades, but academics must take a priority.

Therefore, eligibility in extracurricular activities is limited to students who maintain passing grades in all subjects or maintain an overall average of 70%. **Eligibility in any given quarter is determined by the results of the previous quarter.** Extracurricular eligibility is determined according to the following guidelines:

- a. Full-Year Courses – eligibility for the succeeding quarter will be determined after the end of marking periods 1, 2, 3 and the final course grade.
- b. Half-Year Courses – eligibility for the succeeding quarter will be determined after the end of the marking periods 1 or 3 and the final course grade.

Suspension from extracurricular activities may be appealed through the appeals committee at the high school. The appeal packet must be filed within five school days after the report cards are issued.

A student who is suspended (either in or out-of-school) will become ineligible for all extracurricular activities once six (6) days of suspension have been accumulated in a given semester. The school principal will send a letter to the parent of a child who has been suspended. In that letter, there will be a statement about this policy.

Students may have the opportunity to file an appeal. For application, please refer to [6145.6 Attendance Department and Academic Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities](#)