

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

No: 123.2

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETICS

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123.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETICS AND COMPETITIVE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
1. Purpose	The Shaler Area Board of School Directors recognizes that education is its first priority and desires to ensure an appropriate balance between its educational program and sports and competitive extracurricular activities.
2. Definitions	<p>Athletics shall include all sports offered by the Shaler Area School District which participate in PIAA sanctioned events.</p> <p>Competitive Extracurricular Activities shall include all academic skills teams and club sports which participate in performances or competitions where they are judged or evaluated.</p>
3. Guidelines	<p>It shall be the policy of the Board that students not only comply with the PIAA eligibility requirements (pass four full credit courses the prior semester) but also maintain a 2.0 or above cumulative grade point average to be eligible to compete in athletic or extracurricular activities. In the event that a student complies with the PIAA academic eligibility requirements but does not maintain a 2.0 or above cumulative grade point average, the student may compete for any current nine-week grading period if he/she achieves a 2.0 or above grade point average in the previous nine-week grading period. If a student who otherwise would be eligible under PIAA academic requirements but has not maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above, and has not earned a 2.0 GPA during the previous nine-week grading period, may gain eligibility to complete for the remaining 4.5 weeks of a current nine-week grading period if he/she achieves a 2.0 GPA at the 4.5 progress review period of that current nine-week grading period.</p> <p>Students must pursue a full-time curriculum defined and approved by the building principal</p> <p>Students must be passing at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent, as of each Friday during a grading period. If a student fails to meet this requirement, the students will lose his/her eligibility from the immediately following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which the students meets this requirement.</p> <p><u>Students must have passed at least four full-credit subjects or the equivalent during the previous grading period, except that eligibility for the first grading period is based on your final grades for the preceding school year.</u> If a student fails to meet this requirement, the student will</p>

lose his/her eligibility for at least 15 or 10 school days of the next grading period, beginning on the first day that report cards are issued. If the school has four grading periods, students will be ineligible for at least 15 school days; if the school has six grading periods, students will be ineligible for at least 10 school days.

All student-athletes' grades will be analyzed each Friday during the season. Students with grades below ~~70%~~ **69.50%** in any class (**for that grading period**) will be listed and given to the student-athlete's respective Head Coach. Students with two grades below ~~64%~~ **59.49%** will be determined to be ineligible for the following week of play regardless of grade point average, and must attend tutoring sessions each day, regardless of practice times or contests. Students with only one grade below ~~64%~~ **59.49%** will maintain their eligibility, but must attend tutoring sessions throughout the entire following week, either during a study hall or the after school monitored study sessions. If the aforementioned student-athlete raises their grade(s) above ~~64%~~ **59.49%** they do not have to attend tutoring sessions, and regain their eligibility. A student who fails to raise their grade(s) will remain ineligible. There is no warning period, and ineligibility (not allowed to participate in contests) will run congruent with the PIAA, Sunday to Sunday.

A student who is not academically eligible to compete shall be allowed to practice for competition until such time that he/she meets the requirements of this policy.

The Athletic Director or Activities Director along with seasonal Head Coaches and/or Activity Sponsors shall be responsible for overseeing the academic eligibility of students. When the Athletic Director or Activities Director along with Head Coaches and/or Activity Sponsors determine that a student is academically ineligible, the Head Coach and/or the Activity Sponsor shall notify the student and the student's parents/ guardian with the reason(s) why the student is ineligible and what the student needs to achieve to regain eligibility.

Once a student is declared ineligible, the Athletic Director and coach or the Activities Director and activity sponsor shall work jointly to plan a tutoring/remedial program for the ineligible student. Weekly progress shall be monitored by the coach/sponsor so the student can successfully re-enter their sport or activity.

Weekly eligibility requirements established by PIAA will also be maintained in order to be eligible to participate in athletics and competitive extracurricular activities.

Upon the superintendent being notified by the Athletic Director of a student, may be experiencing an extenuating circumstance, the Superintendent would review on a case by case basis the circumstances to determine if the athlete will be permitted to participate, and also would not be in violation of PIAA eligibility.

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

No: 808.1

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAM – CHARGED MEAL

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p>808.1 SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAM - CHARGED MEAL</p> <p>The policy of the Shaler Area School District is to provide for students' needs for a healthy lunch whenever possible. However, due to the number of students who arrive in the cafeteria without appropriate lunch payment, the Board of School Directors deems it necessary to implement a charge policy for those students who arrive at the cafeteria without the appropriate meal card, ticket, account balance or money.</p> <p>Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for ensuring that students have the appropriate form of exchange to pay for their meal. Where a student comes through the serving line without the appropriate form of exchange, Shaler Area School District will utilize the following procedures:</p> <p><u>Grades 4-127-12</u></p> <p>Meal charges per school will be allowed up to \$25.00. Charges will be limited to a reimbursable meal chosen by the cafeteria office, and no charging will be allowed for any a la carte items.</p> <p>After two (2) charged meals, a written notice will be sent and a phone call made to parents indicating that if the student does not have the appropriate form of payment after incurring the maximum charge as set forth above, no further charges will be allowed <u>and only a basic reimbursable meal as designated by the cafeteria personnel, will be served. If the situation persists, the school administration will schedule a conference with the child's parents.</u> Parents will be notified in writing at the end of each grading period of the amount owed on their child's account. All charges must be paid in full at the end of each grading period or the student's report card will not be mailed to the parents.</p> <p><u>Grades K-3 6 and Disabled Students Students with Disabilities</u></p> <p>Students in grades K-3 6 and any disabled student who is unable to take full responsibility for lunch payment will always be allowed to charge a reimbursable meal if they do not have the proper form of payment. Charges will be limited to a reimbursable meal chosen by the cafeteria office, and no charging will be allowed for any a la carte items.</p>
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After two (2) charged meals, a written notice will be sent to parents indicating that charges are accruing and advising the parents regarding the district's collection policy. On a monthly basis, parents will be notified in writing of the charges on their student's account and their responsibility for payment. All charges must be paid in full at the end of each grading period or the student's report card will not be mailed to the parents.

School Records

The district will maintain a list of students who have incurred charges for meals. Prior to denying a meal to any student in grades ~~4-7-12~~, the list should be reviewed to determine if the student has reached the maximum amount of charges allowed on their account for that school year.

Collection Policy

Unpaid charges will be carried on a student's account from year to year. Report cards will not be mailed to the parents if there is an unpaid balance on the student's account at the end of each grading period **and access to the parent portal program shall be denied to parents.** When a student's account balance reaches \$25 or more, notice will be sent to the parents via regular and certified mail stating the amount due and describing further action that will be taken if the parent does not pay the amount due within ten (10) days. If no response is received from the parents within the ten (10) days, the student's account will be turned over to the magistrate for collection. Parents will be responsible to pay the amount due to the cafeteria as well as any and all fees assigned by the magistrate for the collection of monies due to the cafeteria.

If payment of the bill hasn't been collected within thirty (30) days, the student shall lose all access to after-school clubs, activities, and athletic programs and parents shall be denied access to any parent portal program made available to parents by the Shaler Area School District.