

West Central Valley High School Academic Eligibility Policy (Revised July 2008)

The West Central Valley Community Schools and the Board of Education of the West Central Valley Community School District believes that student activities are a vital part of the total educational program and that student activities and academics should go hand in hand in providing for the development of the complete student. All students must be under 20 years of age. All students shall be enrolled students of the school in good standing.

State law: (1) Each contestant shall be passing all coursework for which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading period. *Grading period, graduation requirements, and any interim periods of ineligibility are determined by local policy.* For purposes of this subrule, "grading period" shall mean the period of time at the end of which a student in grades 9-12 receives a final grade and course credit is awarded for passing grades. (For West Central Valley students, this is at the end of each semester.) Students at West Central Valley who are ineligible at the end of a semester will be ineligible to dress for and/or compete in the next occurring interscholastic athletic contests and competitions for 30 consecutive calendar days.

To be in good standing and be eligible for extra-curricular activities, a WCV student must receive a passing grade in all academic classes with no more than two grades below a C-.

Any student receiving a failing grade, or more than two grades below a C- at midterm and/or the end of each quarter, will be declared academically ineligible for two weeks. It is the responsibility of the student who is ineligible to turn in a progress report of their grades to the office by 4:00 p.m. on the second Friday in order to be considered for re-gaining their eligibility. Two week ineligibility periods run from Monday to Monday.

Students who are declared ineligible are required to practice. They may not suit, play or perform in contests. They may travel with the team, be in the dugout, on the bench, or on the sidelines. *Ineligible students will not be dismissed early from classes to travel with the team.*

(3) At the end of a grading period that is the final grading period in a school year a contestant in baseball or softball who is declared ineligible will be ineligible to dress for and compete in the contests for 30 consecutive calendar days following the end of the final grading period. The time will start the Monday following finalization of grades, the date to be determined by the administration. If the student is not a contestant in baseball or softball, the student will be ineligible in the next occurring contests and competitions in which the contestant is involved for 30 consecutive calendar days.

(3d) A student with a disability who has an individualized education program shall not be denied eligibility on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals and objectives on the student's individualized education program.

Please note: If at the end of any grading period a participant receives a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded, the participant is ineligible to participate in any event sanctioned by the IHSSA or IHSMA sponsored event within a period of 30 consecutive school days. (Eligibility Rule from IHSSA/IHSMA)

The eligibility of incoming freshman students will be determined according to local policy.

Note: To fulfill eligibility requirements students must complete the entire season in good standing. If not, the ineligibility will carry over to the next activity.