



Academic Eligibility

The athletes representing Duanesburg Central Schools are Student Athletes and have a responsibility to excel in the classroom as well as on the field of play.

A Recorded Grade of Incomplete

Any athletes who have an Incomplete on a progress report or report card will have 5 school days after the eligibility list is posted, to complete all past due assignments and present proof of a passing grade for that course(s). During this period the student remains eligible.

- *Before the end of this 5 day period the student must have the teacher(s) of the course(s) in which he/she received a grade of "Incomplete" sign off, on a grade report sheet that all work is complete and the student is now passing.*
- *If after 5 school days the "Incomplete" has not been resolved, the athlete is subject to the Academic Restriction guideline.*
- *Coaches, at their discretion, may require athletes to attend 30 – 60 minute study sessions.*

Quarterly Grades of below 65

*Athletes are expected to maintain a passing grade of 65 or above in all classes. Any athlete who receives a grade **below 65 in one course**:*

- *May practice and play*
- *Must attend one Academic Study Session per day for 2 weeks (10 school days)*
- *The athlete must turn an Academic Report Sheet to his/her coach weekly.*

Academic Restriction

*Athletes who receive **2 or more grades below 65** will be placed on Academic Restriction:*

- *Are ineligible to practice or play for 5 school days**
- *Must attend one Academic Study Session each school day.*
- *On the 5th day must provide and Academic Report Sheet indicating the current course grade for all subjects to the AD.*
- *Athletes who at the end of the 5 days, have a grade of 65 or higher in all classes or has only one grade below a 65, become eligible, but must complete Academic Study Sessions for the next 10 school days.*
- *At the end of the 10 school days if all classes are 65 or above the student may discontinue the Academic Study Sessions.*

Failing Grades on an Interim Reports

Interim reports are a predictor of performance in courses. Because they are posted only 5 weeks into a quarter, there are times when students have only had the opportunity to post a few grades. If one of these grades is low it can lead to a low Interim grade. Often these low grades are corrected by the time the Eligibility list is posted. For that reason Interims will be initially treated differently than Quarterly Grades.

- When the Eligibility List is posted following Interim Reports, any student who had received a Failing grade may have the teacher(s) of that course(s) sign off on an Academic Report Sheet indicating that student is now in Good Standing. These Athletes are immediately eligible for practice and game, but must submit an Academic Report Sheet to the AD for two weeks.
- Athletes who do not raise their grades to a 65 must follow the same procedures as those who receive a 64 or lower as a Quarterly Grade.

Academic Study Sessions

If a student is experiencing academic difficulties in a course(s) the best person to help that athlete is the teacher of record for that course. The Academic Study Session is a mandatory 30 minutes per school day for the athlete to receive additional assistance in that course(s). This time may be scheduled anytime during the school day. It is the burden of the student to seek out that teacher, or his/her designee and schedule a time to meet with them. The student must receive the signature of the teacher or designee after the completion of each 30 minute session. If the student and the teacher are unable to find a time to meet during the day the student will bring an alternate solution to the Athletic Director for approval.

Fall Sports

- 4th Quarter grades will be used to determine eligibility for Fall Sports. Athletes will follow the same Academic Guidelines as Athletes in other sports seasons.
- Athletes who fail 2 or more courses must take, and pass these courses (students are allowed one course failure and still be eligible) in the summer to be eligible
- Athletes who are on Academic Restriction may practice in August but must complete an Academic Report Sheet on the second Friday of the new School Year. These students must be in good academic standing (Passing all but one course) in order to remain eligible. Any Athlete who receives below a 65 on this Academic Report Sheet must follow the Academic Restriction Guidelines.

Tryouts

Athletes who miss the tryout portion of a Sports Season are at a disadvantage and may lose a spot on the team. In an effort to allow students to improve their grades and earn a spot on a team, athletes are eligible during the initial tryout portion of a season. As soon as coaches have selected their rosters, all students with grades of Incomplete or grades below 65 immediately begin to follow the Academic Restriction Guidelines as indicated. Students with 2 failing grades on a report card are ineligible for 5 practices after tryouts, regardless of current status.