

Series 5000 - Students

1. Elementary and Secondary

C. Activities

(5) Participation in Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities

Only students who are academically eligible may participate in athletics and extracurricular programs. Suffield High School's eligibility requirements for athletes exceed that of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC).

In order to be eligible to participate in athletics or extracurricular programs, a student must:

- Be enrolled in at least 5 courses
- Have earned a quarterly G.P.A. of 1.7 or better with no more than one failing grade at the end of the marking period preceding the start of the season
- Maintain a positive standing within the school community. Students found in chronic defiance of school rules per BOE Policy #5144 - Student Discipline will not be allowed to participate.

If a student would otherwise be academically ineligible to participate in a fall sport, he or she may regain eligibility through successful completion of summer school. The final summer school grade will be utilized in lieu of the previous quarter grade for that individual subject when recalculating the student's G.P.A.

Freshmen entering Suffield High School from the middle school or other sending schools are automatically eligible to participate in fall sports regardless of their academic record in the middle school.

Eligibility Appeals

There may be special circumstances that lead a student to appeal the ineligibility status. Each student has the right to file one appeal per school-year. Such circumstances can include prolonged physical or mental illness, excessive absence due to illness or other matters, or a significant family and/or life event. To file an appeal the student should complete the form included in this regulation.

Any student granted an appeal will obtain provisional eligibility and be required to engage in an "academic contract" developed in conjunction with his or her school counselor. Eligibility criteria will be checked weekly and may be removed should the student's grades drop below the required 1.7 GPA.

If an appeal is denied by the Principal, a hearing may be requested with the superintendent whose decision is final.

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SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Suffield, Connecticut

Suffield High School
Appeal Form
Eligibility for Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities

Student Name: _____ Y.O.G.: _____

List courses and final grades for this quarter:

Course: _____	Grade: _____	Teacher: _____
Course: _____	Grade: _____	Teacher: _____
Course: _____	Grade: _____	Teacher: _____
Course: _____	Grade: _____	Teacher: _____
Course: _____	Grade: _____	Teacher: _____
Course: _____	Grade: _____	Teacher: _____

Describe reasons for this appeal: _____

Teams and/or activities you will be participating in: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Coach/Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Appeal DENIED: _____
Reasons: _____

Appeal APPROVED: _____
Conditions of Agreement: _____

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, agree with the conditions stated above.
(Signature of student)

**PLEASE NOTE: 1. The student will remain eligible unless and until the appeal is finalized.
2. Only one appeal will be granted per school year.**