

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS 2017-2018

Seventh and eighth grade students interested in participating in athletics in the 2017-2018 school year should familiarize themselves with the following eligibility requirements and athletic policies. Listed below are the sports seasons and the athletic programs during that season.

### Fall

Cheerleading  
Football  
Soccer - girls  
Volleyball - girls

### Winter

Cheerleading  
Basketball

### Spring

Soccer - boys  
Track  
Softball - girls

### 2017-2018 Sport Season Dates

- **Fall Sports Season** - The first tryout/practice day is August 29, 2017.
- **Winter Sports Season** - The first tryout/practice day is TBD.
- **Spring Sports Season** - The first tryout/practice day is TBD.

### Eligibility: In order to be eligible for any athletic activity, the athlete:

1. Must **meet all eligibility requirements** prior to the first tryout/practice date.
2. Must have a **completed and signed Middle School Athletic Participation Form** prior to the first tryout/practice date.
3. Must not participate if he/she becomes **15 years of age on or before August 31, 2017**.
4. Must receive a **medical examination once every 395 days** by a licensed medical physician, physician's assistant or family practitioner in the United States.
5. Must read the **Concussion Information Sheet**, initial and sign the Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Custodian Concussion Statement each year.
6. Must **meet promotion requirements to be eligible for fall semester**. The State Board of Education defines promotion as "progressing to the next grade." Students retained either by the school or the parents will be ineligible for the fall semester.
7. **6 Semester Rule** - No student may be eligible to participate at the Middle School level for a period lasting longer than **6 consecutive semesters** beginning with the students' **first entry into 6<sup>th</sup> grade**. The principal shall have evidence of the date of each player's entry into the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
8. **Must earn passing grades (D or better) in a minimum of three core courses each semester to be eligible for participating during the succeeding semester.**
9. Must not have more than 14 total absences (85% attendance requirement) in the semester prior to athletic participation. This is a State Board of Education requirement. According to Board Policy, students who participate in interscholastic athletics must meet all requirements of the State Board of Education.
10. Must **not participate** (practice or play) if **ineligible**.
11. Must **not participate** (practice or play) in any athletic event if **suspended** or is actively serving in the **in-school suspension program for that day or days**.
12. Must be **present in school** the entire day in order to participate in practices or games.
13. Must **live with a parent or legal custodian** within the Wake County Public School System administrative unit. (Must notify the athletic director if not living with a parent or legal custodian.)
14. A player **must practice** a total of six (6) days before playing in a game in all sports except football, where a player must practice nine (9) days.
15. **A player injured requiring medical attention** and/or absent due to illness must meet eligibility requirements and must have practiced the required number of days above (# 14). This player may not participate in practice or a contest without a doctor's note. Students absent from athletic practice 5 or more days due to illness or injury shall receive a medical release by a licensed physician before readmittance to practice or play.
16. If **school is not in session or school closes early**, no practice or game will take place. There will be no practice on Saturdays (this includes year round schools), holidays, or vacation days.