

# FULTON HIGH SCHOOL

## Academic Policy for Extracurriculars at Fulton High School

**Purpose** - The purpose of this policy is to set a standard of excellence for Fulton High School students both in the classroom and on the various fields of extracurricular competitions. This policy recognizes that our students involved in extracurricular activities are the leaders of our student body and they set the tone for the rest of our school. When these students are applying themselves to reach their potential in the classroom, the rest of the Fulton Family will do the same.

**Students Included** - Any student who participates in an extracurricular activity at Fulton High School must meet the guidelines set forth in this policy. Extracurricular activities include but are not limited to the following: Athletics (Football, Soccer, Golf, Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field), Marching Band, Winter Guard, Band Competitions, NJROTC Competitions, HOSA, TSA, Skills USA, ProjectU, Ethics Bowl, Comic Book Club, Environmental Club, Choral Competitions, Open Studio, and other academic competitions.

**Student Expectations** - Students involved in Extracurriculars are expected to apply themselves in the classroom with the same effort, determination, and grit that they show in their extracurricular activity. In order to participate fully in extracurriculars, students are expected to have a minimum of a passing grade in each course at all times.

**Supports** - The following supports will be implemented should a student not meet the expectation of passing all classes.

### 3 Week Grading Period

- Students are held harmless at the end of the 3 Week Grading Period but the following supports will be implemented.
  - Failing One Class - Student must attend 1 day of tutoring per week.
  - Failing Two or More Classes - Student must attend 2 days of tutoring per week

### 6 Week Grading Period and beyond

- Students will be held accountable for not meeting expectations
  - Failing One Class - Student must attend 1 day of tutoring per week
  - Failing Two or More Classes
    - Student must attend 2 days of tutoring per week
    - Student is ineligible from competition until he/she is only failing one class



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Process - Grades for involved students will be monitored at the end of the each grading period.

1. Coaches will submit rosters of students to Front Office
2. Front office staff will be tasked with notifying coaches/sponsors and administrators of which students are not meeting the expectations noted above. Reports are run at the end of each grading period.
3. Coach/Sponsor is responsible for notifying affected students.
4. Student goes to office to get a tutoring verification form. When student attends tutoring session, he/she has teacher sign off they attended.
5. Student submits the completed verification sheet to front office staff by Friday.
6. Front Office staff notifies coach/sponsor and administration of students who did not complete required tutoring sessions.

Failure to Attend Tutoring Sessions - Students who fail to attend required tutoring sessions will be subject to the following consequences.

- Missing one tutoring session - Coach/sponsor's discretion
- Missing multiple tutoring session in a season results in suspension from competition for each violation. Length of suspension varies by activity.
  - Football, Soccer - One half of a game
  - Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf, Cross Country, Track and Field, Wrestling - One game, match, competition
  - Volleyball - first two sets of a match
  - Cheerleading - Suspension mirrors either Football or Basketball based on season
  - Other Extracurriculars should determine the proper length of suspension in coordination with administration.

Steps required to regain eligibility

- Student seeks out teacher to determine what can be done to bring grade up to passing or higher.
- Teacher works with student to map out a plan.
- Student attends tutoring sessions.
- Student turns in missing/additional work in a timely fashion to teacher so that proper grading can occur. 24 hours before the next competition is recommended.
- Teacher grades submitted work and inputs the scores into gradebook.
- Teacher notifies the coach/sponsor of the updated grade.
- Student is immediately eligible as long as they are only failing one class.

Appeal Process

- Should a special situation arise where this process should be waived, the coach/sponsor and the student should appeal with compelling reasons to the Executive Principal.

