

# Interscholastic Eligibility

1. As per the state regulation listed below, all functions of Boiling Springs High School will be required to submit a certificate of eligibility PRIOR to a competition.
  2. Eligibility is governed by State Regulation R 43-244.1. However since this regulation was written prior to the conversion to block scheduling, the S. C. High School League's regulations on eligibility will be used. They follow in this document and are directly from the handbook.
  3. Directors or coaches are required to research and complete the certification on the same form used by the S. C. High School League.
  4. Athletic eligibility lists will be handled in accordance with S. C. High School League regulations and be under the supervision of the athletic director.
  5. All eligibility lists will be placed on file in the athletic director's office. Any additions or changes must be reported on the form and approved by the principal PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION.
  6. If interscholastic activities are connected with curriculum experiences in a regular classroom situation (e.g., band, chorus, vocational), a student determined to be ineligible will be allowed to continue as part of the class and earn the grade and credit(s) for that course. Ineligible students will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic activities and shall not be penalized or have the course grade lowered because of their ineligibility to participate in those activities.
  7. The form can be found at [www.bshsteachers.info/forms/Eligibility.xls](http://www.bshsteachers.info/forms/Eligibility.xls) .
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### Section 3. Academic Requirements

- A. A student, while participating, must be a full-time student as determined by guidelines set forth by the State Department of Education. A student who is repeating a course for which he has previously received credit cannot count this course as one required for eligibility. This is considered as monitoring a course.
- B. To participate in interscholastic athletic activities, students in grades 9-12 must achieve an **overall passing average** in addition to the following:
1. To be eligible in the first semester a student must pass a minimum of five Carnegie units applicable toward a high school diploma during the previous year. At least two units must have been passed during the second semester or summer school.

To be eligible during the second semester the student must meet one of the following conditions:

- a. If the student met first semester eligibility requirements then he or she must pass the equivalent of four,  $\frac{1}{2}$  units during the first semester.
- b. If the student did not meet first semester eligibility requirements then he or she must pass the equivalent of five,  $\frac{1}{2}$  units during the first semester.

In most cases on a traditional or AB block schedule, the following example would apply:

- If eligible first semester, must pass four subjects
- If not eligible first semester, must pass five subjects

In a 4 X 4 block schedule where units or  $\frac{1}{2}$  units are granted at the end of the first semester the following will apply:

- If eligible first semester, must earn 2 units

If not eligible first semester, must earn 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  units

2. Students must satisfy eligibility requirements in the semester preceding participation.
    1. Credits earned in a summer school approved by the State Department of Education may apply for first semester eligibility. A maximum of two units per year may be used.
    2. Students eligible for a first semester sport will be permitted to complete that sport even if it extends into the second semester. Under the current League program, this will apply to participants in basketball and wrestling in the high school and middle school programs.
  3. Handicapped students:
    - a. Students diagnosed as handicapped and being served in a non-diploma program shall be considered eligible for participation in interscholastic activities if he/she is successfully meeting the requirements of his/her Individual Education Plan.
    - b. Students diagnosed as handicapped and being served in a program leading to a state high school diploma must meet all eligibility requirements previously stated for participation in interscholastic activities.
  4. A course that is dropped after the 20th day of a semester with a failing average will be considered as a failed course when determining academic eligibility for the following semester.
  5. Credit courses used for eligibility purposes must be courses that are applicable as credit toward a state high school diploma. A student may also use college credit courses provided the student has met or is meeting all requirements for graduation.
  6. Academic deficiencies may not be made up through enrollment in adult education programs.
  7. A maximum of two credit recovery units may be used toward eligibility, to include the two units presently allowed in summer school. The course would have to be accepted by the State Department of Education for graduation and accredited by a certified teacher in that field. To be eligible for recovery credits, the student must have received a minimum grade of 60.
- C. A student must not have received a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- D. Academic requirements for students enrolled in the seventh and eighth grades, including first semester 9th graders are:

1. Students passing the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades by academic promotion (not by social promotion or placement) are considered as having met the requirements for academic eligibility for first semester.
  2. Students in grades seven and eight must be doing satisfactory work at the end of the first semester in order to be eligible second semester. (Second semester ninth grade students must meet League academic regulations.)  
**NOTE:** Satisfactory work is defined as meeting the school district's promotion policy.
  - a. A seventh or eighth grade repeater shall not be eligible during a school year if academic requirements for promotion were met during the previous year.  
**NOTE:** A student failing the seventh or eighth grade is eligible during second semester if he has satisfactorily passed first semester work.
- E. Schools will follow the procedures outlined in the School Administrators Guide, published by the State Department of Education, in accepting or rejecting credits received by a student while the student is enrolled in private schools, including home schools and/or out of state schools.

#### **Section 4. Semesters Defined**

A. **FIRST SEMESTER:**

1. The first semester begins when classes convene on the first day of the semester and ends when classes are dismissed on the last day of the semester.
2. A semester is half a school year.

B. **SECOND SEMESTER:**

The second semester begins when classes convene on the first day of second semester. Second semester ends when classes are dismissed on the last day of the semester.

**NOTE:** Second semester eligibility begins when first semester ends and the student is added to the certificate of eligibility form signed by the principal.