

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT – ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR ATHLETICS

It is the policy of the WIAA that individual schools may establish academic standards, which are higher than that contained in the WIAA Handbook. In order to maintain athletic eligibility during the **current semester**, the West Valley School District has established the following criteria:

- Each athlete shall maintain passing grades in all subjects with a C- (70%) or better in ALL CLASSES.

At West Valley Junior High, grade checks for all athletes will be done weekly. That process is as follows:

- Skyward pulls grades directly from teacher grade books at 2:00 am every Wednesday. The athletic director runs the report by 11:00 am the same day and emails it to all teachers/coaches. At Wednesday's practices or games, the coach notifies those athletes who have fallen below 70% in one or more classes.
- *It is the athlete's responsibility to seek out the teacher in an effort to improve the grade.*
- Once the grade report is generated, teachers are encouraged to notify the athletic director once the grade improves above 70%. This may be done by a simple email or by yellow "SPORTS CHECK" paper. The athlete may pick up a yellow paper in the counseling office and have the teacher sign it stating the grade has been raised above 70%, at which time the athlete returns the paper to the athletic director in the counseling office.
- Over the course of Thursday and Friday, teachers will have notified the athletic director of improved grades (via email or yellow paper).
- On Friday afternoon, the athletic director will email teachers and coaches with the revised grade report. At that time, if an athlete remains at 69.99% or below, he/she will be placed on **PROBATION for the following Monday through Friday.**
 - During the probation period, the athlete may practice and participate in games as normal while working to improve his/her grades.
- The following Wednesday, the next grade report will be generated (and emailed to teachers and coaches... same as the Wednesday before).
- Final eligibility report will be generated on Friday (same as before). If the athlete (previously on probation) is still below 69.9% in the same class, he/she will be placed on **ATHLETIC SUSPENSION for the following Monday through Friday.**
 - During the suspension period, the athlete may practice but may not participate in games. He/she may sit with the team (not in uniform) during games. However, if a game requires the team to leave school early on a school bus, the suspended athlete cannot travel with the team.

This same process will be used for the entire season. PLEASE NOTE: Academic eligibility runs from Monday through Friday. Grade reports are generated on Wednesdays simply to give the young athletes time to learn the process and to hopefully improve grades.