



Academic Assistance and Eligibility Policy

Our Mission: The Naples Central School District challenges and supports all students to develop their diverse talents and abilities in a safe environment with rigorous opportunities. Students will graduate with the skills and confidence needed to excel in their chosen pursuits.

Our philosophy: By identifying students who are struggling academically and offering layers of support to help them succeed in the classroom, we can increase student access to programs and activities.

A. Identifying Needs and Targeting Supports

1. A list reviewed by teachers will be generated from SchoolTool each Friday at 10 a.m. identifying students whose cumulative quarterly average in courses is below 65%.
 - a. Students identified will be placed on an Academic Warning list for up to two weeks. During this time, students are strongly encouraged to stay during 9th period with teachers whose classes they are failing to work on skills and get caught up with work.
 - b. Students who would be on the Academic Warning List for a third consecutive week or longer will instead be placed on the Academic Assistance List.
 - c. The Academic Warning and Assistance Lists are published each Friday, with the new period of Warning/Assistance effective starting the following Monday. Students still on either list from the previous week continue their current Warning/Assistance status through the weekend or vacation period into the following week.
 - d. New lists will begin during the first week of each quarter; there will be no list rollover from one marking period to the next.
 - e. Each week, the school will notify the parents/guardians of all students on the Academic Warning and Academic Assistance Lists. These notifications will be made by email.
2. The following supports will be put into place for identified students:
 - a. Students must remain in assigned study halls and refrain from using cell phones or personal electronic devices to focus on their work. Additionally, students must use their school-issued devices for academic use only.
 - b. Students may only use the computer room or library for academic work for which one of their teachers issues them a task-specific pass.
 - c. Those involved in extracurricular opportunities who are placed on the Academic Assistance List **must attend and be productive** in a 9th period Academic Assistance Program for a minimum of one week to remain eligible to participate in activities. Once passing all classes after one week, a student will be removed from the assistance program. If a student misses a 9th period when assigned to the Academic Assistance Program, the student will be ineligible to participate in the rest of that week's activities. Note: For extenuating circumstances, a student must receive a pass from the Principal to be excused from the 9th period support on that day.

B. Disciplinary Ineligibility

Disciplinary ineligibility is determined by administrative actions, which include, but are not limited to:

1. Students with in-school suspension for all or part of a school day are ineligible for that school day.
2. Students with out-of-school suspension are ineligible for the duration of the suspension.
3. The Administration may make a student ineligible for a period of time or for specific events, at their discretion pursuant to disciplinary or safety procedures.

C. Ineligibility Restrictions

Ineligible students (missed 9th period Academic Assistance Program and/or disciplinary) have the supports of those on the Academic Warning List, and additionally

1. may not participate in practices, contests, performances, dances, extracurricular trips, club activities, and other non-curricular school activities, but may attend school events open to the public for the purposes of viewing these events.

D. The Eligibility Committee

The Principal will appoint an Eligibility Committee at the beginning of each school year, consisting of one administrator, one teacher involved in non-sport extracurricular activities, one teacher-coach, one special education teacher, and at least one other teacher.

1. Students may appeal their Academic Warning or Ineligibility status to the Committee, who will convene as determined by the Principal. Students may not appeal Disciplinary Eligibility to the Eligibility Committee, but may appeal to the Superintendent (see below).
2. Upon appeal, the Eligibility Committee will determine whether or not the Academic Warning/Ineligibility status of the student is consistent with this policy, and will uphold or overturn the student's status based on that determination.
3. Students may appeal the Eligibility Committee's decision to the Principal. The Committee's decision is final unless the Principal determines
 - a. the allegations or circumstances which the Committee used for their decision were false or misrepresented, or
 - b. the Committee made an unfair or unjust decision.
4. Students may appeal the Principal's decision (or Disciplinary Ineligibility) to the Superintendent of Schools, and after that the Board of Education. Any decision by the Board of Education is final.