

# **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The Green Bay Diocesan Board of Education has clearly stated that the primary purpose of Catholic education is to educate and develop the mind, spirit, and body. It clearly affirms the importance of providing wholesome extra-curricular experiences for students as integral aspects of a total school program. It is a privilege for students to participate in all extra-curricular activities; it is a privilege to represent St. Ignatius Catholic School. It is our hope that students will recognize the importance of being students first and foremost. Therefore, eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities will depend on academic effort, attitude, and conduct, both in school and at school functions.

**Extra-curricular activities** include (but are not limited to) athletics, academic contests which take place outside the regular school day and in which students represent SICS Middle School, Ski Club, school dances, classroom reward parties, Great America, and other non-academic school activities before, during, and after school hours. Extra-curricular activities do not usually include theater, band, choirs, religious activities, and regular academic school field trips, although there may be circumstances when a student would be excluded from these types of field trips. These circumstances would be handled on an individual basis.

#### **Academic Effort:**

To be eligible for athletics and extra-curricular activities, students must maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average (GPA), and receive no "F's" on his/her Quarter Report Card. The grade point scale is as follows:

## A=4 points, B=3 points, C=2 points, D=1 point, F=0 points

- Students with a GPA below 2.0 and/or with an "F" on their Quarter Report Card will be given a warning and placed on probation for two weeks. During this time the student is eligible to play and practice but must be working to improve their grades. Students will be given two warning/probation periods per year.
- At the end of the two-week probation period, the student must show proof of improvement, according to the following criteria, in all classes through daily work, tests, etc., in order to become eligible for extracurricular activities:
  - No grades of "F"
  - No Incomplete Assignment
  - No Missing Assignment
  - No Late Assignments (an assignment is considered late if not turned in by the due date)

If the required improvement is not met, the student will then be suspended from all athletic competitions and extra-curricular activities for two weeks, but practice will still be allowed.

- If the required improvement is not met at the end of this second two-week suspension period, the student will then be ineligible to participate in all athletic and extra-curricular activities, both competition and practice, for the remainder of the quarter.
- Fourth Quarter grades will carry over to the First Quarter of the following school year to qualify for eligibility.

### Behavior/Attitude:

- A student receiving seven (7) or more debits on their STRIDE card will be ineligible to participate in all athletic games and extra-curricular activities for two weeks beginning at the time the 7<sup>th</sup> debit is earned. They may participate in practices and may attend games with their teams, but are not allowed to play in the games.
- A student who is suspended for any reason will be ineligible for all extracurricular activities, including the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip (Great America), as determined by the principal.

### **Service Hours:**

- All students, beginning with Grade 6, are required to perform six (6) hours of service each year during their middle school years; two service hours each year for each of the following areas: Parish, Community, and Family. When service has been completed for the present year, have the form signed by a parent and return it to the campus office. Forms are available in the campus office or on the school web site.
- Students that do not complete six or more hours during the current school year will be ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for the following school year until their service hours are completed.
- Eighth grade students need to complete the 18 approved service hours by April 30 of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year in order to be eligible to attend the class trip (to Great America).

### Attendance:

A student who is absent from any part of a school day because of illness will be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity, that day or evening, that is not directly related to classroom curriculum, i.e., athletics, Ski Club trips, and SICS events. A student will be eligible to participate in classroom extra-curricular activities at the parents' discretion, i.e., Band/Choir concerts.

### **Procedures:**

- A notice will be sent home to the parents of students who are ineligible.
- Ineligibility begins on the date printed on the notification to parents/guardians.
- Coaches and activity moderators will be notified if students in their groups are ineligible for extra-curricular activities and for what period of time.