

# GROVE CITY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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Each student-athlete must be academically eligible at the start of each sport season according to the Ohio High School Athletic Association's (OHSAA) academic guidelines. Student athletes must have received passing grades during the previous six-week grading period in subjects that earn a minimum of five (5) credits per year toward graduation. In addition, according to South-Western City School Board approval and OHSAA guidelines, student-athletes must maintain a minimum grade point average per six-week grading period, as follows, to be eligible to participate. Student-athletes may petition once during their freshman/sophomore years and once during their junior/senior years for an eligibility waiver, which must be approved by the Athletic Director.

**Freshman – 1.6 GPA**  
**Sophomore – 1.8 GPA**  
**Junior/Senior – 2.0 GPA**

Passing grades must have been received in a minimum of five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. To determine credit equivalency, multiply full-year courses by a factor of 1; semester courses by a factor of 2; twelve-week courses by a factor of 3; and nine-week courses by a factor of 4.

### Example: 1<sup>st</sup> Six-Week Grading Period

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credit &amp; Duration</u>	<u>Factor</u>	<u>Credit Equivalency (Must equal 5 units or equivalent)</u>
English 10	C	1—all year	1	1x1=1
Spanish 1	D	1—all year	1	1x1=1
Health	B	½--semester	2	½x2=1
Algebra	F	1—all year	1	0
Computers	C	½--semester	2	½x2=1
<u>Social Studies</u>	C	½--semester	2	½x2=1
<b>Total Credits</b>				<b>5=eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period</b>

## NEW TRANSFER BYLAW BECOMES EFFECTIVE FOR 2001-02 SCHOOL YEAR

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Ohio High School Athletic Association Bylaw 4-7-3 (transfers) becomes effective at the beginning of the 2001-02 school year, as approved by the membership during last fall's referendum voting.

New Bylaw 4-7-3 means students can make a choice of a school when advancing from grade 8 to grade 9, but there would be a one year period of ineligibility if a transfer was made at any time after beginning grade 9. Exceptions are:

1. If the parents or legal guardian change residence from one public school district to another,
2. If the superintendents of both districts enter into a written agreement in order to protect the student's physical and mental well being (and the agreement is approved by the OHSAA Commissioner),
3. If a school closes,
4. If a student transfers to the State School for the Blind or State School for the Deaf.

The following is the implementation for this new transfer rule: At the beginning of the 2001-02 school year, a student who is entering grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 may enroll in and attend any member school that accepts the student. The student's eligibility shall be established by one of two situations:

1. Participating in a contest (scrimmage, preview or regular season contest) prior to the opening day of a school, or
2. Attending the first day of school at any member school.

Once eligibility has been established at a member school for the 2001-02 school year, the student may not transfer to another school and retain athletic eligibility unless he or she meets one of the exceptions to this Bylaw.

The complete results of the fall 2000 referendum issues along with frequently asked questions pertaining to Bylaw 4-7-3 appeared in the January 2001 OHSAA Athlete magazine. The same information can also be found on the OHSAA web site ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)) by clicking on "News Releases" followed by "Miscellaneous."