



Athletic Eligibility Policy

Purpose

West Ridge Academy believes that athletics are an extension of the educational experience. Academic eligibility is designed to support learning, accountability, perseverance and student growth while maintaining alignment with CHSAA participation expectations.

Athletic eligibility is based on academic performance using West Ridge Academy's traditional grading system and is aligned with the academic intent of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA).

Applicability

This policy applies to all students in grades 5 through 8, participating in school-sponsored athletic programs.

Eligibility Basics

To participate in games and travel, athletes must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress in all classes:

- English Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Art, P.E., and band/music

Coaches do not determine eligibility; the athletic director does.

Eligibility Requirements

Participation in athletics is intended to complement a student's academic experience. Student-athletes in grades 5–8 are expected to prioritize academics, demonstrate responsibility, and maintain satisfactory progress in their coursework in order to participate in extracurricular athletics.

To participate in games and travel, athletes must:

- have an overall grade in each subject of a C (70%) or higher.
- have no Fs.
- no more than one D.

The goal is improvement, accountability, and student success.

Behavior and Effort

- Athletic eligibility is based on academic proficiency, not behavior, effort, or attendance.
- Behavior expectations are addressed separately.

CHSAA Alignment

- CHSAA eligibility rules formally apply at the high school level
- West Ridge Academy adopts CHSAA's academic intent, promoting academic success alongside athletic participation, while implementing traditional grading practices for athletes.

Appeals

Families may request an eligibility review if there are:

- extenuating academic circumstances.
- recent evidence of academic improvement.
- documentation of support plans already in place.

Our Commitment

We believe students should learn how to balance academics and athletics early, with clear expectations, strong support, and consistent communication.

If questions arise, we partner with families to support both academic success and athletic participation.

Student-athletes are expected to exemplify West Ridge Academy's Pillars of Virtue through their academic effort, sportsmanship, responsibility, and conduct both on and off the field of play.