

### **Athletic Eligibility (Middle School)**

Students participating in athletics will be governed by local, county and state athletic regulations.

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

1. *Legal Birth and Age Limits:* The principal must have evidence of the legal birth date of a student. A student shall not participate on a seventh or eighth grade team if he/she becomes 15 years of age on or before August 31 of said school year. A middle school student who is over age for middle school play shall be eligible for high school participation.
2. *Attendance:* A student must have been in attendance for at least 85% of the previous semester at an approved school.
3. *Academic Requirements:* A student must receive passing grades in five out of six courses the preceding semester. The student must also meet local promotion standards.
4. *Domicile:* The student must meet the domicile criteria of NCGS 115C-366(a), which states "All students under the age of 21 years who are domiciled in a school administrative unit who have not been removed from school for cause, or who have not obtained a high school diploma, are entitled to all the privileges and advantages of the public schools to which they are assigned by local boards of education." Out-of-district domicile fraud will result in the student being deemed ineligible for athletics for 365 days.
5. *Medical Examination:* The student must receive a medical examination each year by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. Medical examinations are valid for 395 days towards athletic eligibility.
6. *Special Needs:* A special needs student will meet the same requirements as anyone else in all areas of eligibility except the academic eligibility, which will be identified through an IEP and the school-based committee.
7. *Discipline:* Students assigned to In-School Suspension for more than one day may not participate until required days are completed. If a student sits on the bench and is dressed out, he/she will be considered to be participating in that game.

#### *Conduct at Athletic Events*

While participating in or attending as representatives of the school any school-related activity held on the school grounds or at some other location, students are subject to the same rules and regulations concerning conduct which apply during the regular school day.