



What You Should Know About Middle School Athletic Eligibility

Scholastic Requirements

To be academically eligible for middle school extramurals a student must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) based on an unweighted 4.0 scale from the previous semester to try out and participate in a sport. He or she must complete a weekly progress report from each assigned teacher beginning one week before the first contest regarding his or her conduct. An "F" in conduct will disqualify the student from extramural participation for the next contest.

Residence

The student must be a bona fide student at the school where he or she is participating and must be assigned to the school by Hillsborough County Public Schools. Additionally, home school students who are registered through Hillsborough County Public Schools and charter school students who are enrolled in a Hillsborough County registered charter school are eligible for athletic participation at their school of residence.

Sportsmanship

Any player displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or any misconduct will be removed from the game and may not return during that game or the next contest. If it is the last game of a sport season, this suspension will carry over to the next contest where the student is eligible for participation.

Age

Any student who has reached the age of 15 before July 1st will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for that year.

Limit of Eligibility

A student may participate in middle school extramurals for three years. The first year as a sixth grader, the first year as a seventh grader, and the first year as an eighth grader. Eligibility begins with the promotion to the next grade.