

2016-17 Academic Eligibility for the Beginning of the School Year

Students beginning grade nine and below must have been promoted from the previous grade prior to the beginning of the current school year.

Students beginning their second year of high school must have earned five (5) credits that count toward state high school graduation requirements.

Students beginning their third year of high school either must have earned a total of ten (10) credits which count toward state high school graduation requirements or a total of five (5) credits which count toward state high school graduation requirements must have been earned during the twelve (12) months preceding the first day of the current school year.

Students beginning their fourth year of high school either must have earned a total of fifteen (15) credits which count toward state high school graduation requirements or a total of five (5) credits which count toward state high school graduation requirements must have been earned during the twelve (12) months preceding the first day of the current school year.

Students who do not meet the above requirements are academically ineligible for participation the first six (6) weeks of the school year. Grades are checked at the end of the first six (6) weeks and if the students are passing all classes, they could regain academic eligibility after the seven (7) calendar day grace period.

When a migrant student enrolls for the first time during a school year, all criteria cited above apply. All other students who enroll too late to earn a passing grade for a grading period are ineligible.

High school students transferring from out-of-state may be eligible the first six weeks of school if they meet the criteria cited above or school officials are able to determine that they would have been eligible if they had remained in the out-of-state school from which they are transferring.

The dates provided in this document are just examples of eligibility dates, and should be used as a guide only. Actual school calendars may vary from this information.

| 6 Weeks Ends | Lose or Regain Eligibility | 3 Week Evaluation* | Regain Eligibility* |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 9/16 | 9/23 | 10/7 | 10/14 |
| 9/23 | 9/30 | 10/14 | 10/21 |
| 9/30 | 10/7 | 10/21 | 10/28 |
| 10/7 | 10/14 | 10/28 | 11/4 |

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If there are multiple holidays in the 3-week evaluation period, it could alter the end of the evaluation and the date for regaining eligibility. Schools on 9 week grading periods must check at the end of the first 6 weeks of the school year and students can lose or regain eligibility. The next grade check for a 9-week grading period will occur at the end of the 9-week grading period (even if it is more or less than 3 weeks).

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Holiday Eligibility Date Examples

(When six or nine weeks ends prior to winter break)

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| <i>Students Back</i> | <i>Grace period ends</i> | <i>MLK Holiday</i> | <i>3 week check*</i> | <i>Regain eligibility*</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Jan 2</i> | <i>Jan 9</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Jan 20</i> | <i>Jan 27</i> |
| <i>Jan 2</i> | <i>Jan 9</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>Jan 20</i> | <i>Jan 27</i> |
| <i>Jan 3</i> | <i>Jan 10</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Jan 20</i> | <i>Jan 27</i> |
| <i>Jan 3</i> | <i>Jan 10</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>Jan 23</i> | <i>Jan 30</i> |
| <i>Jan 4</i> | <i>Jan 11</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Jan 20</i> | <i>Jan 27</i> |
| <i>Jan 4</i> | <i>Jan 11</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>Jan 23</i> | <i>Jan 30</i> |
| <i>Jan 5</i> | <i>Jan 12</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Jan 25</i> | <i>Feb 1</i> |
| <i>Jan 5</i> | <i>Jan 12</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>Jan 25</i> | <i>Feb 1</i> |

*If there are other school holidays in the 3-week evaluation period (other than MLK) it will affect the 3-week grade check and regaining eligibility dates especially if 2 of the school weeks are less than 5 days.

*In the event two of three school weeks are shortened, one of the shortened weeks (which must consist of at least three school days) may be counted as five days with ten other actual class days making up the fifteen class days.

November examples:

- Grading period ends Friday, November 18. Students are on holiday from the end of school on the 18th until school resumes Monday, November 28. All students are academically eligible during a school holiday period consisting of at least seven consecutive calendar days. The seven-calendar day grace period begins on Monday, November 28 and the student's lose/regain eligibility on Monday, December 5 at the time the school day normally ends.

- Grading period ends Tuesday, November 22. Students are on holiday from the end of school on the 22th until school resumes Monday, November 28. The seven-calendar day grace period begins on Tuesday, November 22 and the student's lose/regain eligibility on Tuesday, November 29 at the time the school day normally ends.

January example (when six or nine weeks ends after winter break):

- Grading period ends Friday, January 13. Students lose or regain eligibility at the end of school Friday, January 20. Three week grade check is Friday, February 3, students regain eligibility Friday, February 10. (If there are multiple holidays in the 3-week evaluation period, it could alter the end of the evaluation and the date for regaining eligibility.)

Spring Break example:

- Grading period ends Friday, March 10. Students are on holiday from the end of school on the 10th until school resumes Monday, March 20. All students are academically eligible during a school holiday period consisting of at least seven consecutive calendar days. The seven-calendar day grace period begins on Monday, March 20 and the student's lose/regain eligibility on Monday, March 27 at the time the school day normally ends.