

STUDENT GRADES AND ELIGIBILITY

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Any Freeman Academy student in grades 7-12 must meet specific academic standards to remain eligible to participate in certain activities. Any student with at least two “D”s, one “F”, or one “I” will be considered ineligible.

These eligibility requirements pertain to the following activities and events:

1. Examples of activities sponsored by SDHSAA
 - a. all athletic programs
 - b. All-State Chorus and Orchestra
 - c. All-State Band
 - d. Oral Interpretation competition
 - e. One-Act Play competitions
 - f. Vocal and Instrumental contest
2. Examples of co-curricular activities and events
 - a. MSC Choir Festival
 - b. Region I Honor Band

To help students maintain eligibility throughout the year, faculty will:

1. Communicate to students at the beginning of each course grade requirements and the grading process, including weight and scale.
2. Grade and return homework, quizzes and tests to students in a timely manner (usually within 48 hours).
3. Grade and return research papers and projects to students with instructive and helpful feedback in a timely manner (usually within one week).
4. Post mid-term and end-of-term grades within three school days after the term is completed.
5. Update grades in the school's electronic grading system by 4 pm each Thursday for grades 7-12.
6. Be the first line of communication with families about students' triumphs and struggles.
7. Send an eligibility email to the Resource Director by 4 pm on Thursday beginning the fourth week of a new trimester and each week thereafter. This email shall indicate *either* a list of students in their classes with grades of D, F or I *or* that all students are passing.
8. Eligibility for grade 1-6 will be determined by the homeroom teacher

The Resource Director will:

1. Determine eligibility for the following week (Monday-Sunday).*
2. Develop a weekly eligibility list by Friday morning.
3. Communicate eligibility to students, parents and coaches by Friday noon.
4. Forward an eligibility list to faculty by Friday afternoon.
5. Pull students every Friday morning to discuss eligibility and support

**If a student is on the ineligibility list for the week of vocal or instrumental contest, that student may not attend even if he/she gets caught up by that day.*

Exceptions for co-curricular activities and events may apply. For example:

- Because teachers treat incompletes differently, we will review students on a case-by-case basis.
- FA concerts and musicals are not affected by eligibility requirements due to the fact that graduation credits are earned and a portion of the grade is based on attendance at performances.
- Students who have missed an excessive amount of school must display proficient ability to perform music for the teacher prior to performance. They must attend the dress rehearsal and school the day of performance. Each case will be discussed with the teacher, parent and administrator.