**Eligibility Policy** JJJ

This policy is intended to support the physical, social, emotional well-being of students and to promote healthy, enriching and safe co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for all students. Participation in the School Department’s co-curricular activities and extra-curricular activities is a privilege, subject to compliance with eligibility rules and conduct expectations. As representatives of the schools, students are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Maine Principals Association (MPA) and other sponsoring organization's requirements

In addition to the academic eligibility requirements summarized below, students participating in school athletics must also meet all eligibility requirements of the MPA for participation in athletics (see applicable sections of handbook on MPA website: [http://www.mpa.cc/).](http://www.mpa.cc/%29) For other activities, such as admittance into the National Honor Society, any eligibility requirements of the applicable organization must be met.

1. Academic Eligibility:
2. **Covered Activities**: This eligibility policy applies to all athletic and to most extracurricular activities supported by an advisor stipend. A list of activities to which it applies shall be published in the school handbook each year.
3. **Checkpoints and Criteria for Eligibility:** Eligibility status will be checked four times each year, with the dates published on the school's calendar and communicated annually to students and families. In order to be eligible for continued uninterrupted participation in covered activity, the student must be passing a minimum of five classes.

1. **Length of Ineligibility:** Ineligible students and the families of those students will be notified of their status by an email from the school sent no later than two weeks after the checkpoint date. Ineligibility will commence from the date of the email and will continue for two weeks except if athletes are between seasons at the time notification is sent, athletic ineligibility will commence with the beginning of the next athletic season. During the ineligibility period, students may practice or otherwise participate in the activity but they may not compete in countable contests or preform at events and competitions.
2. **Two Special Situations:** (a)All students beginning grade 9 will begin the year as eligible for covered activities, and (b)eligibility at the end of the year will be determined by year-end grades, not fourth checkpoint or semester grades.