

## **Athletic Eligibility**

Only students in grades 6 through 8 may participate in middle school interscholastic athletic competition.

Note: **6th graders are not eligible to participate in Football**

**Academics** - In grades 6th, 7th and 8th, the student must pass at least 3 core classes the semester before he or she can participate in a sport.

\*The student must pass at least one less course than the number of required core courses each semester and meet promotion standards established by Guilford County School.

\*If an athlete is academically eligible or academically ineligible at the beginning of any semester, that status is retained throughout the full semester.

\*Note: An athlete becomes eligible or ineligible on the 1st day of the new semester.

**Age** - A student shall not participate on a 6th, 7th or 8th grade team if the student becomes 15 years of age on or before August 31st of that school year.

\*The principal must have evidence of the legal birth date of the student.

**Attendance** - A player must be in attendance at least 85% of the previous semester. (**generally students may not miss over 13 days in the previous semester**)

\*A student must be regularly enrolled member of the school's student body.

\*A student must be in school at least half a day to participate in an athletic tryout, practice or contest.

**Promotion (defined as progressing to the next grade)**

\* In grades 6, 7, and 8, the student must meet state and local promotion standards each semester. This includes the academic requirement listed above.

**Semester Rule** - No student may be eligible to participate at the middle school level for a period lasting longer than 6 consecutive semesters beginning with the student's entry into 6th grade.

**Residence** - The student may participate only at the school to which the student is assigned by the LEA (Guilford County Schools). Transfers within the same administrative unit may be governed by the local Board of Education policy .**The student must physically reside at the residence listed as the primary residence.**

**Medical/Concussion Form** - student must receive a medical examination every 395 days by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. The concussion form must be signed and returned with the physical form. The concussion form is current for the school year (August to June).

\*Students absent from athletic practice for 5 or more consecutive days due to illness or injury must receive a medical release from a physician licensed to practice medicine before they are allowed to resume practice or contests.

\*Students with potential head injuries must receive a medical release by a physician licensed to practice medicine before they are allowed to resume practices or contests.

### **Felony Policy**

Any student who is subject to the Middle School 6 semester rule who:

\*is convicted of a crime classified as a felony under North Carolina or federal law; or

\*is adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult, is not eligible to participate in the North Carolina Middle School Athletic sports program.

\*Such ineligibility shall be immediate and shall prohibit participation in the NC Middle Schools sports program from the date of conviction through the end of the student's middle school career.

### **Student Athletic Fee Information** -

Information on Athletic Fees can be found on the Athletic Form link

Athletic eligibility requirements and the NCAA Eligibility Center can also be found on the GCS website - **gcsnc.com** under Departments go to Athletics and find the links section.