

AuSable Valley Middle School/High School Academic Eligibility Policy

Mission Statement:

The Ausable Valley Central School Community is proud of the strong academic and extra-curricular offerings that benefit our students. The primary emphasis of our school is academic achievement and passing every subject should be the goal of every student. Participation in extra-curricular activities can and often does enhance a student's academic performance. However, extra-curricular activities require a tremendous amount of time and effort. Therefore, students will be required to maintain a satisfactory academic status in order to participate in extra-curricular activities.

For the purpose of this Academic Eligibility Policy, extra-curricular activities are any non-credit bearing activities offered by the school, which include but are not limited to athletic activities, key club, dances, dance club/lip sync, foreign language clubs, student council, class officer, weather club, ski club, prom committee, drama club/productions and on campus fund raising activities. Attendance at the eighth grade dance, junior prom, senior ball, and senior class trip are not included.

Policy:

1. The first 5 weeks of each 10 week marking period all students will be eligible to participate.
2. At the end of the first 5 weeks of each quarter, an ineligibility list will be compiled of students failing two or more courses.
3. The list of ineligible students would be distributed to all coaches and advisors. Students not on the list will remain eligible for the next five weeks.
4. Any student on this list will be placed on academic ineligibility with the following stipulations:
 - a. Student will remain on the ineligibility list for a two-week period of time.
 - b. Student will be eligible to practice, rehearse, etc, but will not be able to attend or participate in any extra-curricular activities/games. (exception-students participating in a sport will be expected to attend the game and sit with their team. They will not be able to dress for the game.),
 - c. Students on the ineligibility list will be placed on the no pass list unless the pass is issued for academic or health reasons.
 - d. If possible, students on academic ineligibility list will be placed in quiet study hall.
5. A letter will be sent to the student's home informing parents/guardians of their academic ineligibility. The letter will include a listing of the courses that the student is failing and what is necessary to regain eligibility.
6. At the end of the 2 weeks of ineligibility, only students on the ineligible list will be evaluated. Any students who are no longer failing two or more subjects will become eligible for participation. Revised ineligibility lists will be compiled and distributed. Students who have remained on the list will now be ineligible for 3 additional weeks.
7. At the beginning of each 10 week marking period, this cycle of evaluation for eligibility shall begin again at step one.
8. It will be strongly recommended that students on the ineligible list attend a homework helper session on Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool to assist them in regaining their eligible status.

9. Any student with a disability, receiving services under IDEA or section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, may be placed on academic probation pursuant to the policy herein. Prior to being placed on academic ineligibility it must be determined through the assigned special educator that:
 - a. The student's IEP is appropriate
 - b. The student's IEP has been properly implemented
 - c. The student's failing grades are not related to his/her disabilityIf the criteria in these three steps have been confirmed, the policy will be enforced.
If the criteria in these three steps have not been confirmed, the student will remain eligible and it will be referred to the CSE chairperson for review.

Notes:

1. A list of ineligible students will be published and distributed to all faculty, staff, coaches, and extracurricular advisors. It is the responsibility of the coaches and extracurricular advisors to enforce non-participation for those students on the academic ineligibility list.
2. Teachers are to calculate averages using the grades within the current ten-week marking period.
3. **Courses in which students have exceeded the number of allowable absences, as outlined in the attendance policy, will be regarded as an automatic failing course for the purposes of the academic eligibility policy. Teachers will not be allowed to sign off on these courses.

(Board of Education approval pending)