



CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

PIAA / CUSD Academic Eligibility Standards • Student-Athlete Quick Reference

CORE STANDARD: Students must pursue a Principal-Approved full-time curriculum. The Principal/Athletic Director certifies eligibility under PIAA rules and CUSD policy, including eligible homeschooled, charter/cyber charter, and dual-enrolled students.

WEEKLY ELIGIBILITY

- Eligibility is cumulative from the start of each grading period and is reported weekly by the Athletic Director.
- Student-athletes must pass at least four full-credit subjects (or the equivalent) and maintain cumulative progress.
- Weekly ineligibility runs Sunday through the following Saturday.

PROGRESSIVE INELIGIBILITY

- 1st term: No competition, performance, early dismissal, or dressing. Practice is at coach/advisor discretion with parent/guardian consultation. Scrimmages may be allowed if no early dismissal is required.
- 2nd term: No practice, scrimmage, competition/performance, dressing, or team travel. Student must present an academic improvement plan.
- 3rd+ term: Same restrictions as the 2nd term, plus mandatory remediation until eligibility is restored.

MARKING PERIOD

- Two or more failing classes at the end of a marking period results in ineligibility.
- For schools with four grading periods, the student is ineligible for 15 school days of the next grading period, beginning when report cards are issued.
- Permitted back work and summer-school make-up work may count when completed under school rules.
- Final credits from the last grading period determine eligibility for the next grading period.

ATTENDANCE

- Student must be regularly enrolled full-time and attend at least the final four class periods before dismissal to participate that day.
- A Friday absence makes the student ineligible for Saturday/Sunday events. Leaving school due to illness also bars same-day participation unless written physician approval is provided.
- Five absences and/or late arrivals in a season triggers administrative review for possible team suspension.
- 20+ absences in a semester triggers PIAA attendance restrictions; approved exceptions may be considered by the PIAA district committee.

SUSPENSION

- During an in-school or out-of-school suspension, a student-athlete may not participate in or attend extracurricular practices or games.
- If suspension extends through Friday, team participation may resume on the next official school day after reinstatement.

HOME-SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Home-schooled students may participate under Pennsylvania law when they satisfy the same equivalent eligibility standards as enrolled students.
- The parent/guardian serving as home-education supervisor must provide required progress and attendance documentation to the Athletic Director or Principal.
- Failure to provide required documentation prevents the school from certifying eligibility; the student remains ineligible until documentation is received.

COMMUNICATION

- Eligibility status is communicated by the Athletic Director to the head coach/advisor and privately to the student through the coach/advisor or building administrator.

QUICK REFERENCE ONLY | Final eligibility determinations are governed by current PIAA rules and Chester Upland School District policy.