

Our Lady of the Presentation Participation Policy

Eligibility for participation in school sponsored extracurricular activities is based on Diocesan guidelines and rules established by the administration with approval of the School Advisory Board.

The Participation Policy is designed to ensure that the students' attention is focused on the academic aspect of school as opposed to the extracurricular component. This policy affects any Presentation student in 3rd-8th grade participating in a parochial league sport, student council, band or choir. There are three aspects of the policy.

First and foremost is the **academic component**. Grades are monitored and reported to administration every two weeks. If a student has a grade below 73% (C-) in any subject, he/she will be given a warning. If when grades are reported again, the student still has a grade below 73% (C-) in any subject, he/she will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for two weeks (student may attend athletic practice but not participate in games). This cycle will continue through the sport (football/volleyball, basketball and track) season. In an effort to be fair to the students, eligibility will restart with each sport season. If a student misses six weeks due to academic ineligibility, he/she will forfeit his/her right to be a part of the team or group.

Behavior is the second component of the policy. Students in 6th-8th grade that receive two detentions (automatic or earned) and students in 3rd-8th grade who receive a suspension (in or out of school) in a two week reporting period, will be ineligible for two weeks. If a student misses six weeks in a season due to behavior issues, he/she will forfeit his/her right to be a part of the team or group. Additionally, if during school, at sporting events or at extracurricular activities, a student demonstrates immoral, illegal or unrespectful behavior, the student may be deemed ineligible or required to step down from the team or group.

The third component of the policy is **attendance**. Students must be in attendance for at least three hours of the school day to attend an extracurricular activity that afternoon or evening, **including after-school practices**. If a student is absent of Friday due to illness, parents are expected to adhere to the 24 hour health policy and not allow the child to participate in weekend events if he/she was vomiting or running a fever. Students not in compliance with this attendance policy will be deemed ineligible for two weeks.

The school administration will monitor/enforce the participation policy. Notification will be given to the athletic director, activity sponsor and to the parents each Friday during the reporting season. Reporting weeks will be listed in the Panther Prints and weekly emails.