

**ELIGIBILITY**

 To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic events at EMS, the following policy will be followed: 1) all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students participating are subject to the same eligibility rules; 2) one or more “F’s” or 2 or more “D’s” in any core or enrichment subject will constitute ineligibility; 3) grading for eligibility purposes, will be taken from quarterly grades not semester (cumulative) grades. 4) so we don’t penalize students at the beginning of each new semester, students will be given one week grace period at the start of each semester; 5) students are given a 2-week grace period to begin the school year before eligibility rules take effect; 6) 6th, 7th or 8th grade students who have failed for the year will be eligible to begin fall sports the following year, whether retained or promoted.

**DISCIPLINE**

All student athletes need to adhere to the rules within the classroom and the school. If the athlete does get into trouble within the school day parents will be notified as well as the player’s coach. Depending on the severity of the situation the coach will have rules set up for the players if they get into trouble during the day. If the athlete is suspended on a day in which a contest is being played the student will **NOT** participate in that contest. If the student is suspended on a day that there is no contest then the athlete will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the upcoming event.

**ATHLETIC REVIEW BOARD**

 An Athletic Review Board meets when necessary to deal with violations of the Athletic

Code (see following). This is the code which all athletes sign, pledging to uphold, and that the Athletic Review Board is concerned with. The Board consists of the EMS/district athletic director, an out of season coach, a non-coaching staff member, and an administrator. The school principal could become involved if the situation arises requiring their presence. Parents will be notified of upcoming ARB meetings and their results. The Board is not bound by legal rules of evidence but will make every effort possible to make a decision based on who will be a good representative of Elizabeth Middle School. Regular school disciplinary matters are handled by the school administration and team matters by the coach. Remember, athletics is a privilege, not a right.

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