

# PRHS GUIDE TO ELIGIBILITY

## What is eligibility?

The purpose of the eligibility policy is to ensure that all students who participate in sports and some co-curricular activities make adequate academic progress during the school year. Athletics are part of our educational program and are designed to increase both student connection with our school and academic achievement.

All schools that participate in Maine Principal Association activities are required to create and follow an eligibility policy. Failure to ensure all athletes are eligible for athletic contests can result in forfeited games and other punitive measures.

## What's the idea behind the eligibility policy?

Our eligibility policy for athletics and some co-curricular activities incorporates Habits of Work (HOW) grades to encourage students to attend to these important habits. The policy rewards students for effort, attendance and participation, even if they are struggling with content skills and knowledge.

## How is eligibility determined?

To be eligible, students must be enrolled and actively engaged in a required number of courses: the equivalent of 6 classes and Roundtable. **NOTE:** Two- and three-credit classes (e.g., Math 2/3, LRTC programs) count as 2 or 3 classes. HOW grades are posted four times throughout each semester; academic grades are posted quarterly throughout the year. With these frequent reports -- and access to grades through JumpRope -- you and your child will have a clear understanding of both HOW grades and academic achievement. A student is deemed eligible according to the following timeline during each semester:

### **HOW check 1 (at approximately 6 weeks)**

Tier 1: meeting HOW standard (2.5 or higher) in at least 6 classes and passing Roundtable. If not eligible then...

Tier 2: meeting all academic standards in a class (passing overall grade) can save each class in which the HOW is lower than 2.5

### **Quarter Grade (approx. 9 weeks)**

Tier 1: meeting all academic standards (passing overall grade) in at least 6 courses and Roundtable. If not eligible then...

Tier 2: meeting HOW standard can save each class in which the course grade is lower than 2.5

### **HOW Check 2 (approx. 14 weeks)**

Tier 1: meeting HOW standard (2.5 or higher) in at least 6 classes and passing Roundtable. If not eligible then...

Tier 2: meeting all academic standards in a class (passing overall grade) can save each class in which the HOW is lower than 2.5

### **Semester Grade (in January and June)**

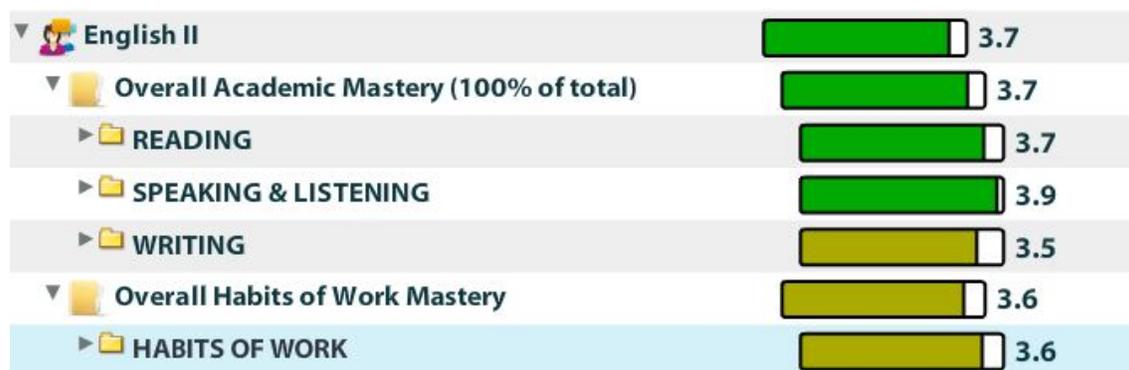
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## Quick Guide to Grades

### Overall academic grade

A passing grade in a course is an overall grade of 2.5 or higher and at least a 2.5 in every standard. Example:



### Habits of Work grade

	1 - Does not meet	2 - Partially meets	3 - Meets	4 - Exceeds
<b>Timeliness</b>	Student rarely demonstrates this habit	Student occasionally demonstrates this habit	Student frequently meets deadlines and takes responsibility for missed work	Student consistently demonstrates this habit
<b>Readiness</b>	Student rarely demonstrates this habit	Student occasionally demonstrates this habit	Student frequently completes homework, is prepared for class, and uses class time effectively	Student consistently demonstrates this habit
<b>Participation</b>	Student rarely demonstrates this habit	Student occasionally demonstrates this habit	Student frequently attends class and is an active and a collaborative learner	Student consistently demonstrates this habit

Want to learn more? Check out our “PRHS Family Grading Guide” and “PRHS Habits of Work Guide” in the Parent section of our website <https://www.rsu16.org/prhs/>

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