

# Athletic Eligibility Policy

St. Paul is a member of the Tri-County Lutheran League (TCLL). The school competes with fellow Christian schools and occasionally with neighboring public schools.

The grades eligible to participate in interscholastic competition will vary from year-to-year and sport-to-sport depending upon class sizes. The deletion or addition of a sport is dictated by the League. In all sports except track, the A-team consists of eighth graders and below and the B-team consists of seventh graders and below. The following sports may typically be offered: boys' and girls' soccer; boys' and girls' (A & B) volleyball; boys' and girls' basketball (A & B); and boys' and girls' track (Division A: Grades 7 and 8, Division B: Grades 6 and below).

Although cheerleading is not a competitive sport, it is a part of the winter basketball program. Tryouts are held when a large number of girls have indicated an interest in belonging to the team.

St. Paul believes that athletics are an extension of the curriculum. All students that wish to participate on a team must maintain satisfactory grades. Participation includes all tryouts, practice and games.

- Students who are earning an overall "F", and INC, or two grades lower than a "C-" in all subjects, will be ineligible for any game or practice for the following week.
- Students must turn in work on a regular basis in order to be eligible. Students with three missing assignments, in all subjects, will be ineligible for one week. An additional missing assignment will result in another week's suspension from participation. A fifth missing assignment will result in disqualification from the sport.

The school principal and athletic director, under the supervision of the Board of Education, will make the final determination of eligibility. Extenuation circumstances may be considered when making these determinations.

Because the interscholastic programs are fairly strenuous, school policy requires that a health examination be submitted prior to participation. Other extra-curricular school activities of a strenuous nature also require a health examination. The school provides health forms, which are available from the school office throughout the year. It is strongly recommended that health forms be completed by the first school day because students are not allowed to participate in any athletic activities, including practice, until this requirement is fulfilled. However, if participation is planned for only winter or spring sports, then October 1 and March 1, respectively, would serve as effective guidelines. Frequently, children are required to have health exams for summer activities and the school will accept these for the coming school year if a copy of the form is furnished for the school records and if a medical doctor gave the exam. Likewise, each participant in the interscholastic program is expected to maintain satisfactory standards of achievement, effort, and conduct. The particulars of this requirement are spelled out in detail in the form given to those who wish to participate. Parental support is also required of those taking part in a sport. This includes working at events and providing transportation as needed. A nominal fee is charged for each student participating in an interscholastic sport. The fee is established by the Board of Christian Education and covers each sport in which a student may participate throughout the year. The revenue is used to help cover extra costs related to interscholastic sports.

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Student

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