# **Ken-Ton Athletics Academic Eligibility**

Interscholastic athletics are co-curricular, complementing and enhancing the educational experience by promoting physical, mental, and emotional development. Participation in sports is not separate from academics but integrated with it. By emphasizing the co-curricular nature of athletics, we ensure that students prioritize their studies while benefiting from the holistic development that sports provide.

### Academic requirements for try-out, practice, & contest participation

## Grade-level credit requirements:

- Entering 10th grade: Must have earned 4.5 credits
- Entering 11th grade: Must have earned 9 credits
- Entering 12th grade: Must have earned 13.5 credits

#### Seasonal requirements:

- *Fall Sports Season:* The student must have earned four credits plus physical education during the preceding school year. Credits may be earned through summer school.
- *Winter Sport Season:* The student must have passed four credits plus physical education during the first 10-week marking period.
- *Spring Sport Season:* The student must have passed four credits plus physical education during the second marking period.

Once selected to a team the student-athlete's grades will be monitored every 5 weeks throughout the school year. If at any 5-week checkpoint a student-athlete fails to be in good standing (passing 4 credits + PE), they may enter Phase 1 or Phase 2 for a period to be determined by school administration.

#### **Phase I and Phase II Information:**

- 1. Student-athletes who are passing four credits plus physical education (4 + PE) at the grade check noted above are eligible without restrictions.
- 2. Student-athletes who are <u>not</u> passing four credits and physical education at the time of the grade check noted above will be placed in **Phase #1.**
- 3. Phase #1 will run Monday-Thursday from 2:30-3:05pm.
- 4. Student-athletes in Phase #1 may practice and compete.
- 5. Student-athletes in Phase #1 must attend Study Table every day until the next grade check, regardless of if/when they earn passing marks in 4 + PE.
  - A. Student-athletes may meet with a teacher; however, they must check-in at Study Table first
- 6. Daily Attendance will be taken. The Study Table monitor will email a coach when a student is absent. Absences #1 & #2 will be handled at the discretion of the coach. However, a third unexcused absence will result in the student-athlete's suspension from the next scheduled contest. After the suspension, the absences will reset and result in additional contest suspensions for each third absence.

- 7. The Assistant Principal's office will run a report at the next grade check mark as to the status of each student-athlete. Any student-athlete who was lacking 4 + PE at the check will be notified by the Assistant Principal of their status for athletics.
- 8. If a student-athlete who was placed in Phase #1 is still lacking the 4 + PE at the time of the check, he/she will enter **Phase #2**.
- 9. A student-athlete who was eligible initially, but then falls below the 4 + PE at the check, will enter Phase #1. Phase #1 for these student-athletes will last until the next grade check in approximately 5 weeks.
- 10. Student-athletes in Phase #2 may practice but not compete.
- 11. Student-athletes in Phase #2 must attend Study Table every day. These student-athletes should collect the Academic Eligibility Form from the Assistant Principal's office. Student-athletes should complete the form and return it to the Assistant Principal for Athletics office by the date determined.
- 12. If a student-athlete placed in Phase #2 returns the Academic Eligibility Form and is deemed academically eligible, he/she will return to Phase #1 until the next grade check. The student-athlete must attend Study Table Monday-Thursday and may now practice and compete.