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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

On September 4, 2025, we will welcome back our students and start the new school year! I wanted to provide families with some important information on The Tuckahoe School's District's Code of Conduct and Extracurricular Activities Eligibility.

Within the first few days of school, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Colasuonno and myself will meet with all middle and high school students to discuss student expectations, review the District's Code of Conduct and review our Emergency Procedures. The District's Code of Conduct can be found on the district's website, [TUFSD Code of Conduct](#), Board Policy 5300-Code of Conduct.

We strongly encourage all students to become involved in one of the many extracurricular opportunities THS and TMS has to offer. As representatives of our school community, students must maintain academic performance and acceptable attendance in order to participate in extracurricular activities and athletics. Please remember, it is a privilege to participate in extracurricular activities and to represent our school district in these activities. Below you will find our Policy for Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Attendance Eligibility

A student must be officially signed into school no later than the end of third period to participate in any athletic event and/or extracurricular activity for that day. Under extenuating circumstances, such as a funeral, college visit, etc. the principal may give a student permission to participate. Please know that documentation may be requested by the principal.

Extracurricular activities are a privilege, and all attendance infractions will be taken into consideration for eligibility status.

Behavior Eligibility

A student must maintain a positive attitude and decorum that is beneficial to the school and community. Any misbehavior may result in a suspension from the activity. The principal will decide if the student may participate in the day's activity. Any student who has been suspended (internally and/or externally) will be ineligible to participate during the suspension period.

Academic Eligibility

Student eligibility will be determined by the Progress Reports and the Quarterly Report Cards of the Tuckahoe Schools and an approved out of district placement.

- **Progress Report Eligibility** (based upon portal status on the noted date listed on the district calendar)

ONE Failure (Probation):

1. The student may participate in all activities:
2. The student must meet with his/her guidance counselor to discuss methods of improvement.

TWO Failures (Ineligibility):

1. The student may **NOT** participate in ANY after school activity for **FIVE** school days.
2. The student must meet with his/her guidance counselor to discuss methods of improvement.
3. The student is expected to attend extra help in the failed subjects.
4. On the FIFTH school day, the student **MUST** see his/her guidance counselor to obtain an Academic Eligibility Form.
5. By the end of the FIFTH day, the form **MUST** be returned to the guidance counselor to determine eligibility.
6. If the student is passing one of the subjects previously noted as failing, the student may return to the activity, practice and/or game competition on the next day.
7. If the student has two failures on the FIFTH day, the student remains ineligible to participate for another two weeks. After this period, the student will be reassessed for eligibility.

**It is the responsibility of the student to obtain, complete, and return the Academic Eligibility Form to the guidance office in order to get reinstated to eligibility status.

THREE or more Failures (Ineligibility):

1. The student may **NOT** participate in ANY after school activity for a minimum of **THREE** weeks.
2. The student must meet with his/her guidance counselor to discuss methods of improvement.
3. The student is expected to attend extra help in the failed subjects.
4. During the THIRD week, the student must have an *Academic Eligibility Form* completed by ALL of his/her teachers to determine if he/she will be able to participate during the fourth week. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain, complete and return the form to the guidance office in order to get reinstated to eligibility status.

- **Report Card Eligibility:**

ONE Failure (Probation):

1. The student may participate in all activities.
2. The student must meet with his/her guidance counselor to discuss methods of improvement.

TWO or more failures (Ineligibility):

1. The student may NOT participate in ANY activity for a minimum of three weeks.
2. The student must meet with his/her guidance counselor to discuss methods of improvement.
3. The student is expected to attend help in the failed subjects.
4. During the third week, the student must have an Academic Eligibility Form completed by ALL of his/her teachers to determine if he/she will be able to participate during the fourth week. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain, complete and return the form to the guidance office in order to get reinstated to eligibility status.

**Fall eligibility will be determined by Final Report Card grades in June. Students who have more than one failure at the end of the school year must attend and pass summer school. He/she will be ineligible to participate in any fall activities with the failure of more than one subject for the first three weeks of school. At the end of the third week, the student must have an academic eligibility form completed by ALL teachers to determine eligibility in the fourth week. Fall eligibility will be reviewed using the summer school results during the first week of school.

I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions at 914-337-5376 X1210 or at debelliss@tuckahoeschools.org. I wish you a successful and rewarding 2022-23 school year!

Sincerely,

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