PSAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Student-Athlete Academic Eligibility

Eligibility Rules Snapshot

1. **5+1 Rule:** A student-athlete **must pass five credit-bearing courses + Physical Education on the most recent report card**. Credit-bearing courses taken in PM school and summer school are included.
   a. 3 of the 5 courses must be major courses: **English**, **Mathematics**, **Social Studies**, **Science**, **Foreign/World Language**, and/or **Major Courses requiring at least a 2-year sequence**.
2. **10-Credit Rule:** A student-athlete must accumulate **a minimum of 10 credits, NOT including physical education**, in the two terms prior to the eligibility evaluation period (all credits accumulated in PM school and summer school are included).
   a. For schools that have more or less than 2 terms/school year refer to the "*Semester/Term Differences*" column.
3. **GPA Rule:** A student-athlete must achieve **a minimum GPA of 65** on their most recent report card or transcript.
4. **Attendance:** A student-athlete must maintain **a minimum of 90% school attendance in each marking period**. The 90% attendance requirement is not cumulative.

Note:
Summer school and PM school are included in the 5+1, 10-Credit, and GPA requirements.

Semester/Term Differences

I. Two Semester (Term) School Year

Schools with 3 report cards per Term

a. Effective January 30th, 2024, evaluate 5+1, GPA, and attendance with every report card.
b. Evaluate 10-Credit rule using the previous 2 terms.

II. Trimester I, II, & III (3 Term) School Year

Schools with 3 Terms

a. Effective January 30th, 2024 evaluate 5+1, GPA, and attendance with every report card.
b. Evaluate 10-Credit rule using the previous 3 terms.

III. Quarters I, II, III, & IV (4 Term) School Year

Schools with 4 Terms

a. Effective January 30th, 2024, evaluate 5+1, GPA, and attendance with every report card.
b. Evaluate 10-Credit rule using the previous 4 terms.

IV. Annualized Schools (1 Term) School Year

Schools with 1 Term

a. Effective January 30th, 2024, evaluate 5+1, GPA, and attendance with every report card.
b. Evaluate 10-Credit rule using the 1 previous term.

PSAL Campus Guidance

For PSAL programs that operate as a campus (more than 1 school in a building), eligibility must be evaluated using the report card and transcript update schedule of the school the student-athlete attends during the school day.

PSAL Shared and Individual Access Guidance

PSAL programs that accept student-athletes from other schools via shared and/or individual access must communicate with the sending school regarding their transcript update and report card distribution schedule. Student-athletes must have their eligibility evaluated based on documents received from the sending school(s).

For more details regarding PSAL Student-Athlete Academic Eligibility, visit:
https://www.psal.org/articles/article-detail.aspx?29860

Fall Sports - August
To Establish Eligibility

1. **June Report Card**
   a. 5+1
   b. 3 of the 5 courses must be major subjects
   c. Minimum Final Average of 65%
   d. Attendance must be at least 90%
2. **Transcript**
   a. Students must have earned 10 credits, **not Including PE,** over the previous 2 consecutive terms beginning with their sophomore year in high school (10-Credit Rule).
   b. Should indicate the number of terms in high school/date of entry.
      i. Schools that use trimesters must use the previous 3 terms.
      ii. Schools that use quarters must use the previous 4 terms.
      iii. Schools that are annualized must use the previous term/one school year.
      iv. Age as of July 1 (refer to grade/age eligibility rule)
3. **To Maintain Eligibility**
   a. Most recent report card must pass 5+1
   b. Attendance must be at least 90% on most recent report card
   c. Minimum of 65% average on most recent report card

Note:
- Summer school credits and subjects must be used in evaluating eligibility.
- Evening/PM school credits must be used in evaluating eligibility for the term in which they were earned.

Winter Sports - November
To Establish Eligibility

1. **June Report Card**
   a. 5+1
   b. 3 of the 5 courses must be major subjects
   c. Minimum Final Average of 65%
2. **First Fall Report Card**
   a. Attendance must be at least 90%
3. **Transcript**
   a. Students must have earned 10 credits, **not Including PE,** over the previous 2 consecutive terms beginning with their sophomore year in high school.
   b. Should indicate the number of terms in high school/date of entry.
   c. Age as of July 1
4. **To Maintain Eligibility**
   a. Most recent report card must pass 5+1
   b. Attendance must be at least 90% on most recent report card
   c. Minimum of 65% average on most recent report card
   d. **January Report Card**
      i. All requirements listed in item 4
   e. **Transcript**
      i. Students must have earned 10 credits, **not Including PE,** over the previous 2 consecutive terms (June and January).

Spring Sports - March
To Establish Eligibility

1. **January Report Card**
   a. 5+1
   b. 3 of the 5 courses must be major subjects
   c. Minimum Final Average of 65%
2. **Transcript**
   a. Students must have earned 10 credits, **not including PE**, over the previous 2 consecutive terms beginning with their sophomore year in high school.
   b. Should indicate the number of terms in high school/date of entry.
   c. Age as of July 1
3. **To Maintain Eligibility**
   a. Most recent report card must pass 5+1
   b. Attendance must be at least 90% on most recent report card
   c. Minimum of 65% average on most recent report card

NOTE FOR ALL SEASONS:

Students may gain eligibility if they satisfy the 5+1 rule and GPA rule in the most recent report card, as long as the 10-Credit rule has been met.