

ARTICLE VIII

ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

The limit of opportunity for eligibility for each student shall be three (3) consecutive years from the time he/she enters the sixth grade, unless an undue hardship has occurred during this eligibility. A student who has attained the age of 15 prior to September 1 of the current school year may submit a hardship waiver to the school's Athletic Director to be considered for participation. In such cases a committee will be appointed to review the hardship requests. Each student deemed to be eligible must have their name submitted to the Association on the Master Eligibility List prior to their participation in any competition. The Master Eligibility lists are to be submitted by each school to the Executive Director prior to the beginning of each season.

Any student that successfully passes the fifth grade will be considered to be eligible for the 1st 9 weeks of their sixth grade year.

Failure in more than one (1) subject during a given 9-week grading period shall cause a student to be ineligible for practice and competition the following 9-week grading period. In addition, a student must maintain a specified grade point average of 2.0 as well as a satisfactory conduct average for the previous 9-week period to be eligible. "Satisfactory" conduct is under the determination of each middle school principal. Grades earned in summer school will be calculated to determine the courses passed during the previous term. Grades for courses taken in summer school will be calculated with grades for the last marking period of the previous year to determine GPA.