

## **Athletic Participation: No Pass No Play Policy**

There exists a certain rigor pertaining to academics at UME Prep. It is of the utmost concern that UME Prep student athletes meet academic criteria to enable themselves the privilege to participate in extracurricular athletics. At the same time, and also adhering to the academies core values, student athletes must exhibit and maintain a high standard of work ethic.

At UME Prep, a high premium is placed on student learning and achievement in conjunction with the development of a strong work ethic. We believe the outcomes of the two combined are key indicators, though not exclusively, for future personal successes.

Students are required to maintain a 70% cumulative average for each grading period as well as maintain no less than a 70% average in any one subject. Students that have a grade below 70% will remain ineligible for interscholastic sport competition and practice until it has been determined by the teachers and coaches involved along with the Athletic Director that he/she has indeed met and/or surpassed the baseline criteria for participation.

Also, the work ethic grade which accompanies each academic grade per class is to be held and maintained no less than an 80% average to be and remain eligible to participate in extracurricular athletic events.

Students that fail to meet the academic or work ethic standards will be placed on a two week suspension period. During that time students will not participate in practice sessions or contests, as this time will be dedicated to raising his/her grade(s). The exact dates of the suspension will be set by the Athletic Director and/or Superintendent based on the day grades were assessed. A grade check will be made after two weeks from the reported grade failure. At that time, a review will be made of the grade(s) to determine if the student will be declared eligible to compete once again or dismissed from the team.

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