

1st Six Weeks Grading Period & Academic Eligibility Information

Below is the information that was discussed at the parent meeting this past Friday night just prior to the Meet the Band Night performance. In classes, we will discuss, at length, the importance of this specific grading period as it relates to many of our marching band's upcoming events. Below are the most important upcoming dates relating to each student's academic eligibility:

Friday, September 29th @ 2:55pm (student deadline) – End of 1st Six Weeks Grading Period

-Students maintain, lose, or regain academic eligibility based on the work that is completed and turned in to their teachers by the 2:55pm student deadline.

Monday, October 2nd @ 10:00pm (teacher deadline)

-Teachers must have all work submitted by the student deadline graded and entered within Skyward.

Friday, September 29th @ 2:55pm-Friday, October 6th @ 2:55pm – UIL Grace Week

-The UIL Grace Week is only used for correction of teacher grade reporting errors within Skyward and student work turned in late due to absence on the final day of the grading period.

Friday, October 6th @ 2:55pm – End of UIL Grace Week

-Students maintain, regain, or lose academic eligibility @ 2:55pm.

Students who become ineligible on Friday, October 6th @ 2:55pm will be unable to perform at or travel to extracurricular events with the band until academic eligibility status is regained.

Extracurricular events include football games, marching contests, parade performances, pep rallies, adjudicated auditions, etc. Academic eligibility is not a requirement of co-curricular events such as the Holiday Concert and Spring Concert.

Please note that academic eligibility does not apply to rehearsals. Academic eligibility applies only to performances.

Immediate events affected by loss of academic eligibility on Friday, October 6th include:

- Thursday, October 12th Red Oak football game
- Saturday, October 14th Wylie Marching Contest
- Tuesday, October 17th UIL Region Marching Contest
- Friday, October 20th Midlothian football game
- Saturday, October 21st MISD Pre-Area Clinic

Students must earn the following percentages in their classes by the 2:55pm deadline on Friday, 9/29 in order to maintain or regain academic eligibility:

- AP, Pre-AP, TCC, Pre-Calculus classes – 60% or higher or a grade of Pass for Pass/Fail classes
- All other classes – 70% or higher or a grade of Pass for Pass/Fail Classes

MISD Major Assessment (Test) Retake Policy:

- Refer to the class-specific syllabus for details on MISD mandated major assessment (test) retake policy
- Test retakes taken during the UIL Grace Week may positively effect the class average but **WILL NOT** positively effect academic eligibility status.

What we doing to assist our students with maintaining their academic eligibility:

- We will regularly speak to the students regarding the grading period timeline listed above.
- Starting the week of September 11th, students will be given in-class study/homework time on occasion.
- At least once per week, the directors will be checking all student grades within Skyward and speaking to individual students regarding low grades, especially zeros.
- We will establish peer tutoring options within the band.

Academically ineligible students have the opportunity to regain their academic eligibility according to the following dates and times:

Friday, October 20th @ 2:55pm (student deadline) – End of the 3 Week Grading Period (Progress Report)

- Students maintain or regain academic eligibility based on the work that is completed and turned in to their teachers by the 2:55pm student deadline. Academic Eligibility cannot be lost at the 3 Week Grading Period.

Friday, October 20th @ 2:55pm-Thursday, October 26th @ 2:55pm – UIL Grace Week

- The UIL Grace Week is only used for correction of teacher grade reporting errors within Skyward and student work turned in late due to absence on the final day of the grading period.

Thursday, October 26th @ 2:55pm (Friday, 10/27 is a school holiday) – End of UIL Grace Week

- students may maintain or regain academic eligibility @ 2:55pm

In order to regain academic eligibility, students must meet the percentages listed above in **ALL** of their classes, not just the one(s) that initially determined loss of academic eligibility. Please note that students can only maintain or regain academic eligibility at the conclusion of each 3 week progress report grading period; students cannot lose academic eligibility at the conclusion of the 3 week progress report grading period.

So, as you can see, students losing academic eligibility at the end of the 1st Six Weeks Grading Period will miss, at the minimum, many of the regular football season games and our marching contests.

As we have mentioned on a number of occasions, the success of our group almost solely depends upon the success and academic eligibility of each individual member. PLEASE HELP US BY CHECKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN DAILY REGARDING THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRESS IN ALL OF THEIR CLASSES.

Thank you,