

Bourbonnais
Elementary School
District #53



Revised Eligibility Policy

Eligibility Committee

Members:



- ❧ Dawn Broers- Parent
- ❧ Dennis Crawford- BUGC Teacher
- ❧ Mindy Gamble- BUGC Teacher
- ❧ Patrick Arlis- BUGC Teacher
- ❧ Jen Harder- Liberty Teacher
- ❧ Dan Chamernick- Liberty Teacher
- ❧ Shannon Swilley- Athletic Director
- ❧ Mary Bicknell-Administrator
- ❧ Jim Duggan-Curriculum Director
- ❧ Dan Hollowell-Superintendent

The Need for Revision??



- ☞ Shifting to SBR prompted a change in how eligibility would be decided
- ☞ Work Habits were formed
- ☞ The heart of the change
 - ☞ Kids learn at different rates,
 - ☞ Slower learners should not be penalized,
 - ☞ Measure effort, achievement will follow

The Need for Revision??

- ❧ Our new Eligibility Policy did not match current Board Policy
- ❧ Parents voiced concern-
Inconsistent with teacher implementation
- ❧ In October the committee was formed and began to meet

Our Work




- ❧ Reviewed existing policy
 - ❧ Work Habits-resulted in change to Work Habits
- ❧ Reviewed IESA Regulations
 - ❧ Student-Athletes must be “passing” all of their classes
- ❧ Defined “Passing” as it relates to SBR
- ❧ Reviewed current eligibility data
 - ❧ < 3 % of involved students-athletes were actually ever declared ineligible first semester

Our Work



- ❧ Discussed the “Purpose” of athletics and activities
 - ❧ Create confidence, give kids an opportunity to shine and belong
- ❧ Tried to weed out what does and does not work
- ❧ Discussed more ways to keep kids eligible

The Result

				
ACHIEVEMENT-->	4	3	2	1
WORK HABITS 3	E	E	E	PC
WORK HABITS 2	E	E	PC	N
WORK HABITS 1	PC	PC	N	N

The Results



- ❧ PC= Parent Conference
- ❧ For many students sports play an important role
- ❧ There is a lot of value in being a student-athlete
- ❧ Rather than make eligibility a “yes” or “no” situation
- ❧ The committee found a way to “effectively” keep more students engaged in school and their sport/activity.

The Results



ACHIEVEMENT:

Cumulative achievement for the grading period

WORK HABITS:

Average of all work habits scores in that subject for the grading period, rounded to whole number





**QUESTIONS
OR
CONCERNS**