

Woods 7/8th Grade Sports Eligibility Policy 2010-2011

At Woods we encourage everyone who is interested to play a team sport. Because we are a small school, we are very happy to have a good relationship with larger schools for athletic opportunities—especially Centennial Junior High. Because of our difference in schedules, however, it must remain a privilege for students to leave Woods an hour early when they have the first round of practices.

Because of our unique situation, there are two sorts of eligibility. There is the eligibility to go out for a sport, which means that a student's work must be at a certain level of performance. We would expect that a student be doing at least low proficient work generally, with no more than one subject with a below proficient average. This is comparable to what the rules are for students at Centennial. Students should always check with us before they leave for a sport for the first time to check for this eligibility. It is very rare that a student would not be meeting this level of performance, because we would be intervening and working on improvement anyway.

Woods students have additional responsibilities that go with missing the last hour of school every day, so there is also an eligibility requirement for leaving early. Students should not have any major assignments missing (a major assignment is something that would have more than one day's turnaround), or should not show a pattern of not doing daily homework assignments (such as in math or French). If these situations happen, the athlete will be informed of the situation, given a warning, and asked to correct the situation by a deadline (usually the next day, but negotiable). If the situation is not resolved by the deadline, the student will be told early in the day that they are not eligible to leave early. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for transportation and to notify their coach. As soon as the situation is resolved, the student will be able to be leaving early again.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please let us know. As always, individual situations and circumstances are part of each student's situation, and we take those into account. It helps us greatly if students keep us informed of their issues and situations, and ask us if they have any questions.

Jim Gaither and Karen Sue McCutcheon

All athletes playing for programs at other district schools need to have this form signed and returned.

Student athlete signature: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____