

## **2.017 Student Athlete Participation**

### **Purpose of Athletics at Ascend Leadership Academy**

The purpose of athletics at Ascend Leadership Academy is to offer students the opportunity to learn to be part of a team with a common purpose and high standards of performance. In addition, athletics serve the purpose of helping students to develop skills, increase fitness, and learn sportsmanship.

### **Introduction**

Realizing the need for acceptable standards for the operation of a sound athletic program, the ALA athletic department has established these minimum regulations for all student athletes. To maintain the highest possible standards and to keep athletes in proper perspective with relation to the total education program. The athletic staff, coaches, and all athletes will be expected to abide by these policies and regulations. Any deviation from these standards must be approved by the Athletic Director or School Administration.

### **Athletic Eligibility**

At the beginning of each season, School Administration will provide the Athletic Director and coaches with copies of each student athlete's most recent mid-quarter progress report or report card and attendance record.

In order to be eligible to participate in the Ascend Leadership Academy athletic program, the student must:

1. Maintain a minimum **cumulative grade average** of 70; considering all enrolled courses with **no failing grades**.
2. Maintain 90% attendance
3. Not behave in such a manner as to receive detention or in or out of school suspension.

Probation (temporary loss of eligibility) will be imposed if students fail to meet any of these three requirements. The probation period will extend until the student receives an updated mid-quarter progress report or report card.

While on probation, the student-athlete is not eligible to dress out, practice or play in any athletic competition. Students on probation will have their eligibility reassessed once the next mid-quarter progress report or report card is issued.

### **Academic Standard**

Student-athletes are expected to maintain excellent academic standing while participating on ALA athletic teams. To support this standard, each student must meet the following academic requirement:

1. Maintain a minimum **cumulative grade average** of 70; considering all enrolled courses with **no failing grades**.

This will be calculated by adding up all of the class grades from either the student athlete's mid-quarter progress report or report card and dividing them by the number of classes the student is enrolled in. For example:

"Student A" Grades

Math - 75  
English - 80  
Science - 65  
Social Studies - 75  
Art - 95

$$75 + 80 + 65 + 75 + 95 = 390 \qquad 390 \text{ divided by } 5 \text{ (\# of classes)}$$

Student Cumulative Average = 78. Student is eligible.

ALA currently operates on the 10-point grading scale listed below:

100 – 90 = A  
89 – 80 = B  
79 – 70 = C  
69 – 60 = D  
59 below = F