4.0 Appeals Process

4.1 Whenever a student has been declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities, he/she has the right to appeal the decision to the Appeals Committee, which shall be comprised of the Extracurricular Activities’ Policy Advisor and a minimum of four members from the committee, one of whom must be an administrator. The appeal must be submitted to the Extracurricular Activities’ Policy Advisor in writing no later than Friday during the week in which eligibility was denied. All appeals must be submitted within 5 days of the committee's decision. The decision of the committee will be final.

4.2 Discipline, attendance and loss of credit (Audit/NC) issues will not be eligible for an appeal to the Eligibility Committee.

5.0 Student Use of Illicit Substances

5.1 Refer to the Bay Shore Code of Conduct for infractions.

5.2 Refer to the Bay Shore Breathalyzer Policy for alcohol-related issues.

5.3 If a student is found to be in violation of the above policies, he/she will be removed immediately from all extracurricular activities for up to one calendar year.

Bay Shore Union Free School District

Eligibility Policy for Extracurricular Activities

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*The Eligibility Policy is subject to revisions, please check the district website periodically for any updates to the policy.

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While the Board of Education supports and encourages student participation in extracurricular activities, it believes that raising academic standards must be the first priority. The Board also maintains that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege reserved for those students who uphold the state laws, school rules (as exemplified by the Code of Conduct) and are in good health.

The Board of Education has established the following policy for all students attending Bay Shore Middle School and Bay Shore High School who wish to participate in extracurricular activities.

In an effort to monitor student eligibility in extracurricular activities and to assess the effectiveness of the policy, an Eligibility Committee shall be established. Such committee shall be comprised of a building administrator, the Director of Student Activities, the Director and Assistant Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, the Extracurricular Activities’ Policy Advisor, guidance counselor, coach, advisor, teacher and parent. The committee shall convene at the end of each quarter to review student records, as well as to determine continuing eligibility status for the students who have not demonstrated improvement. The committee shall hear appeals regarding eligibility issues.

1.0 Scholastic Eligibility

1.1 All Bay Shore High School students are required to carry a minimum of five academic units in addition to physical education (NYSPHSAH) each year. Exceptions may be made only upon approval of the principal.

1.2 Academic Eligibility Program

1.2.1 In June, all students’ final G.P.A. ‘s will be reviewed. Any student whose G.P.A. falls below 75 will be sent an academic probation letter, and at the beginning of the new school year, if these students wish to participate in extracurricular activities, they will be placed in an academic probation program.

1.2.2 Students who attend summer school must contact the Extracurricular Activities’ Policy Advisor within the first two weeks of school to determine their eligibility status.

1.2.3 At the end of each marking period, the quarterly G.P.A. will be reviewed and notification letters will be issued to students whose G.P.A. falls below 75. Students participating in extracurricular activities must enter the academic probation program immediately. Failure to do so will result in consequences determined by the Eligibility Committee.

1.2.4 Based on the final G.P.A. from the previous school year, students whose G.P.A. falls below 70 will not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Students may appeal their eligibility status once a year.

1.2.5 All courses will be included to determine final & quarterly G.P.A. (unweighted).

1.2.6 As the student achieves a 75 G.P.A. for a marking period, he/she may become eligible without restrictions. Coaches and advisors will be notified of the student’s progress.

1.2.7 Students whose G.P.A.’s fall between 70 and 75, a written extracurricular activities contract must be signed by the parent, student, coach and advisor, in order to remain eligible for participation.

1.2.8 Weekly progress reports must be submitted. Students failing to submit a satisfactory weekly progress report will be ineligible for extracurricular activities. Students may re-establish eligibility by submitting a satisfactory weekly progress report for the following week.

1.2.9 All student athletes must earn a passing grade in physical education each and every quarter.

2.0 Citizenship Eligibility

2.1 Students will be expected to demonstrate appropriate school citizenship and behavior by adhering to the Code of Conduct during all school-sponsored events (on/off campus).

2.1.1 In-School Suspension (ISS)

For each ISS event, the student will be excluded from any and all extracurricular activities during the term of his/her in-school suspension (one for one).

2.1.2 Out-Of-School Suspension

Middle School: Out-of-school suspensions will count cumulatively during a student’s middle school career (grades 7-8).

High School: Out-of-school suspensions accrued by a student during middle school will not be reflected in his/her high school eligibility record. When a student enters the high school, a new record of out-of-school suspensions will begin and accumulate during the student’s high school career.

First Offense: Student will be excluded from any and all extracurricular activities during the term of his/her out-of-school suspension (one for one).

Second Offense: For each day of OSS, the student will be suspended for one additional day from his/her extracurricular activity for each day of the offense (two for one). Tryout and/or audition days will not be included; however, the suspension will commence following the tryout/audition period. Recommendation for mentoring with a staff member.

Third Offense: Students will be required to meet with Academic Eligibility Advisor to start appeal process. Failure to meet with Advisor would result in automatic removal from all extra-curricular activities. Eligibility status will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Status will be determined based on the committee’s recommendation. Consequences could include exclusion from all extracurricular activities (after-school activities, clubs, sports and dance residencies) for a minimum of two weeks up to one calendar year. OSS for cutting detentions will not be applied to total OSS count. Students may appeal their eligibility status once a year.

2.1.3 A student is ineligible for any activity effective immediately upon notice of suspension.

2.1.4 The loss of eligibility because of suspension is for consecutive calendar days and includes all after-school activities, athletic, dramatic and show practices and all school-sponsored events. If a weekend, vacation or testing period falls between the assigned days of suspension, the student will not be eligible to participate in school-sponsored events, such as competitions, practices, plays, shows and scrimmages.

2.1.5 If the suspension begins after the weekend, vacation or testing period, the student is ineligible for the preceding weekend, vacation or testing period.

2.1.6 Eligibility status for students who had a superintendent's hearing will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

3.0 Attendance Eligibility

3.1 Students who are denied credit (Audit/NC) because of excessive absences will not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for two consecutive marking periods or until audit class has been cleared.

Students who are in the audit phase may appeal during the school year to the assistant principal who oversees attendance to determine eligibility for an appeal. Students who do not appeal will lose his/her privilege to participate in his/her next sport or next drama production, dance or club event. Students must attend summer school to meet credit requirements to re-establish eligibility. Students’ audit/no credit status will be determined at the end of each marking period. Data will be supplied by the assistant principal. The fourth marking period audit/no credit list will be used to determine eligibility status for the following school year.

3.2 Any student who is not in school on the day of the practice, scrimmage, rehearsal, production or game may not participate in that day’s event. School-related events such as field trips are not applicable.