

# ATHLETICS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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## Academic Policies and Eligibility

### Athletics, Drama, Matchwits, Praise Team, Student Council, and Class Council

#### Secondary Requirements

The Athletic Director and Secondary Administration will determine ECA's academic standards for participation in athletics. These standards may be more stringent than those of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA).

- Academic eligibility for student participation in school-sponsored athletics will be reported to the Athletic Director.
- Athletes on academic probation may be prohibited from practicing with the team or from participating in competitions.

#### ECA Secondary Requirements

Students placed on academic probation will be subject to the following measures and/or restrictions:

- Probationary status will carry over from one academic year to the next year, one semester to the next, one quarter to the next, and one progress report period to the next.
- Students placed on academic probation for the first time will receive a warning, meaning that the student has one week of grace in which he/she may participate in co-curricular activities (students placed on academic probation for the first time at the end of a semester may be given grace for more than one week).
- This week of grace will give the students an opportunity to raise their grade(s) in the subjects contributing to academic probation.
- Any week after the first warning, if a student receives two D's or one F, he/she will not be allowed to participate in co-curricular activities for that week.
- Students placed on academic probation for a second non-consecutive time will be immediately ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities for that week.
- Students placed on academic probation for a second consecutive published report will be ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities until the next formal grade report.
- Students on academic probation may not be excused from any academic class or study hall to be involved in co-curricular activities. Responsibilities and obligations related to another class in which the student received a grade will be permitted; i.e. drama, ensemble, band, or choir performances.
- Students placed on probation may have to relinquish student leadership positions during the probation including but not limited to class offices, Student Council positions, positions as team captains, and/or club offices.

#### Colorado High School Activities Association Requirements

The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) rules require the following:

- In the judgment of the administration of the student's school, he/she is representative of the school's ideals in matters of citizenship, conduct, and sportsmanship.
- During the preceding semester of attendance, the student must not have failed more than one credit.
- During the period of participation, the student must be enrolled in courses offering a minimum of five credits per semester and must not be failing more than one credit.
- A student may regain academic eligibility on the sixth Thursday following Labor Day for the first semester and on the Friday immediately prior to March 10 for the second semester. (Winter sport athletes who have been declared ineligible for the first semester and did not participate in a fall sport shall use the formal grading period closest to the beginning of winter practice to determine if eligibility is regained.

#### Athletic Participation

The opportunity to participate on ECA athletic teams that are governed by CHSAA is open to ECA students, as well as home-school and Christian school students whose school of attendance or residence is within the boundaries of Colorado Springs School District 11. Students who attend and/or receive a transcript from a public or charter school are not eligible to participate.

# Co-Curricular Programs

## Drama

The drama program gives ECA students the opportunity to be involved with drama productions throughout the school year. Students will be involved with all aspects of the production from acting to stage management.

## Matchwits

Matchwits is an academic team with competitions held among schools in the Black Forest League (BFL) and is eligible to participate in regional and state competitions based on success at the league level. ECA competes in five meets from October through February at the high school level (grades 9-12).

Matchwits competition is also available to ECA junior high students (grades 7 and 8), and the three monthly meets are in January, February, and March.

The ECA Matchwits teams are made up of students chosen by the sponsor based on faculty recommendation, and students who participate in Matchwits on the high school level are eligible to earn a letter.

Matchwits is dependent on student interest and sponsor availability.

## Praise Team

Interested students may audition for the ECA praise team. The praise team will assist in chapel worship and may be invited to assist in worship in various capacities throughout the year.

## Student Council

The Student Council serves:

- to aid in the development and oversight of activities and events relevant to the student population subject to the oversight of administration.
- as a means of policy representation and application for students in relation to administration.  
Student Council provides leadership opportunities for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students through elected class officer positions.

The Student Council:

- maintains central involvement in the promotion of spiritual and academic development within the student population.
- is responsible for student elections and campaigns for student offices.
- is responsible for regulation of all class functions under the overall supervision of the Administration.

## General Requirements for Secondary Letter Awards

- ❖ A block-style chenille letter is presented by the school to each participant the first time he/she earns a letter (athletics or academics).
  - ❖ An insignia symbolic of the sport in which the participant lettered is provided by the school and may be worn on the letter.
  - ❖ The athletic letter is to be worn on the upper left front of the letter jacket.  
The academic letter is to be worn on the upper right front of the letter jacket.
1. Letter winners must be members of the varsity team in good standing upon the completion of the season.
  2. Letter winners must be eligible under the rules of CHSAA in addition to scholastic, citizenship, and any other rules as set forth by ECA.
  3. A varsity letter may be awarded to seniors who have been regular members of a squad for four years provided they have not been awarded a letter in that sport before.
  4. A varsity athletic letter may be awarded to any participant who is injured while participating on a varsity team, or who is forced to discontinue varsity competition because of circumstances beyond his/her control, and who in the opinion of the coaches and athletic director would have earned a letter had these circumstances not arisen.
  5. Varsity athletic letters may be awarded to athletes who participate in state level competition (see below for more details).
  6. Varsity participants who do not letter will receive a Varsity Certificate of Participation.

## Sport-Specific Requirements for Secondary Letter Awards

In addition to the above general requirements, the participants must fulfill specific requirements under each varsity sport as listed below. Each head coach will submit to the Athletic Director which team members satisfy the specific requirements for a letter award.

BASEBALL – Play in 1/3 of all innings that the team has completed. Pitchers may receive special consideration because of rules regulating the number of innings they can pitch. Also, each team member who is on the roster for the final weekend of competition (Final 4) will also letter.

BASKETBALL – Play in 1/3 of all quarters that the team has completed. Also, each team member who is on the roster for the final weekend of competition (Great 8) will also letter.

CROSS COUNTRY – Must run in 2/3 of all meets, and must achieve the following once: girls run under 25:00; boys run under 21:00. Also, runners who qualify for the state meet (top 15 individually; top 40% teams) will also letter.

SOCCER – Play in ½ of all the halves that the team has completed. Also, each team member who is on the roster if the team advances to the State Quarterfinals will also letter.

TRACK – Earn an average of at least 2 points in each of the regularly completed meets during the season. Also, student-athletes who qualify for the State Meet will also qualify.

VOLLEYBALL – Play in 1/3 of all the sets that a team has completed. Also, each team member who is on the roster for the final weekend of competition (Final 12) will also letter.

### **Travel – Secondary Athletics**

- Behavior in school vans is to be no different than the behavior expected while on school grounds.
- Athletes are required to travel to and from games with the team.
- Athletes may travel home with their parents if they have permission from their coach. Coaches do have the option of requiring players to travel home with the team.