

# Sports Eligibility Policy and Procedures

The St. Mary School Athletic Association, coaches and teachers work closely together to help our students become scholar-athletes. To that end, we expect that our students live up to their potential both in the classroom and on the field or court. Scholar-athletes in sixth, seventh and eighth grades will be ineligible to play their next game for the following reasons:

- 1. The student has received three or more marks in one week on the behavior clipboard for behavior infractions, which equals one detention** (excluding smaller behavior issues like chewing gum or dress code violations).
- 2. The student has two or more missing assignments in one week.**
- 3. The student receives an in-school or out-of-school suspension.**
- 4. The student displays behaviors deemed unacceptable by the coach at practices or games.**

Parents will receive notification of their child's ineligibility to play a game. This notification will be made by the Athletic Director via phone call no later than the Monday following the week of the infraction(s). As always, teachers will be notifying parents of school infractions through Life Skills and Detention slips. No parent should be unaware of his or her child's ineligibility. The game missed will be on the weekend after the notification. We expect parents of our athletes to support the enforcement of the eligibility policy.

Ineligible athletes are required to attend the game they have lost the privilege to play in. They will sit on the bench the entire game.

This policy will go into effect one week after the season begins.

Policy effective as of 12/4/09