

# **Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy**

## **Eligibility Policy**

Extra-curricular activities are invaluable and essential to well-rounded educational experience. All students at Maeser Prep are encouraged to participate in at least one sport or other program that interests them. For the purposes of this policy, an “extra-curricular activity” is defined as “anything that takes a student out of class during school hours or any event sanctioned by the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA), whether during school hours or not.” Since Academic performance is Maeser Prep’s first priority, six factors must be met for a student to be eligible to participate in any extra curricular activities.

1. Students must have passed all of their classes from the previous term - according to the UHSAA handbook: “The determination of eligibility under this rule shall be made no later than the seventh calendar day following the last day of grading period. Grad changes after that time cannot restore eligibility (this is checked every term by a secretary),
2. “Students must have obtained a minimum G.P.A of 2.5 or its equivalent in that same grading period,” according to the UHSAA handbook (this is checked every term by the Athletic Director),
3. Students must be currently passing all of their classes (this is checked every two weeks by the teachers)
4. Freshman and sophomores must be enrolled in at least 7 classes, juniors must be enrolled in at least 6 classes, and seniors must be enrolled in at least 5 classes (this is checked every term by the Counselor),
5. Students must have no confirmed sluffs on their attendance during the two-week eligibility period, meaning that at least one absence was not verified by parent/guardian (this is checked every two weeks by the Athletic Director), and
6. Students must have all necessary forms (i.e. Activities Disclosure document, Anti-hazing Agreement, Activities Release Form, and School Activities Code Of Conduct Agreement) filled out, signed and on file with appropriate coach/advisor.

If a student is deemed eligible for academic purposes, the student may participate for the entire two-week eligibility period, even if one or more of the student’s grades drop below a “D” during that time period. If a student is deemed ineligible due to failing grade, the student may return to eligibility when the teacher verifies that the grade has been raised and is passing.

A student deemed eligible for academic purposes but ineligible for at least one confirmed unexcused absence will be considered ineligible for the next extra-curricular activity. The student will then be allowed to participate for the remainder of the two week eligibility period (provided that the student does not miss class without permission).

Every two weeks, teacher, and advisors will be asked to submit a list of students who are participating in their extra-curricular programs. Teachers need to mark these students’ names in their grade books as a reminder of which students need to meet the school’s eligibility requirements to be eligible for extra-curricular activities. School administration will compile all participation lists into one master list. Teachers will receive a copy of the master participation list every two weeks and should notify coaches and advisors of potential problems. Teachers are required to notify the coach or advisor, as well as the athletic director, when a student becomes ineligible.

Note: Due process will be afforded each student.