

RKA ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

- In order to ensure all students are on pace to graduate, the following athletic policy will go into effect for all athletes and managers starting Monday, December 6, 2021.
- Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy reserves the authority to enact rules and regulations that may supersede rules established by the Public School Athletic League (PSAL).
- Athletes will be evaluated every marking period, however RKA may conduct ongoing assessments of all criteria throughout a marking period.
- Athletes may be ruled ineligible at any point during a marking period if they fail to maintain the academic, attendance, and conduct standards outlined below.

Academic Standards

- **5 + 1 Rule**: Athletes must pass 5 core classes plus Physical Education (and/or Health).
- **Senior Class Rule**: Athletes in the 12th grade must pass **all** classes needed for graduation in any given marking period during the athletic season.
- **Deficient Classes/Credits Rule**: Athletes programmed for PM School, NX Academy, Regents, and/or final exams must fulfill all required classes and exams to establish or maintain eligibility.

Attendance Standards

- **90% Rule**: Athletes must maintain 90% attendance for a given marking period. This equates to no more than 3 absences in a marking period. Notes must be submitted immediately upon return to the athletic director as well as the attendance office. Failure to provide proper documentation in a timely manner may result in delays in evaluating eligibility.
- **5 Class Cuts Rule**: Athletes with more than five class cuts will be ruled ineligible. A class cut is defined as a class absence when a student is considered present for the school day. Athletes are expected to attend all eight periods.
- **Practice/Play Rule**: An athlete who is absent from school is not allowed to practice or play in a game/scrimmage. Students must attend at least 5 academic periods to be considered present and eligible for play or practice.

Conduct Standards

- Athletes will not be allowed to play on a team if they have had more than 2 principal's suspensions or have had 1 superintendent's suspension in the current school year.

Winter Sports: Athletes participating in the winter sports season will need to maintain eligibility through the first marking period of the second semester.

Spring Sports: Athletes wishing to participate in the spring sports season will need to establish eligibility starting with the third marking period of the first semester (12/06/21 - 01/28/22). Athletes will need to maintain eligibility through the third marking period of the second semester.