

Eligibility for Athletes

All student/athletes must earn a 2.0 GPA unweighted for each grading period. The CVUSD does a grade check every six weeks. It will take approximately one and a half weeks, once the grading period ends, for the registrar to process the grades and repost the eligibility of students.

205. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

A. Initial Scholastic Eligibility

In order to be eligible, any student entering from the 8th grade into a CIF four (4)-year high school, a junior high or a junior high under the provisions of Bylaw 303, must have achieved an unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in enrolled courses at the conclusion of the previous grading period.

QUESTION: What is the definition of an unweighted grade-point average?

ANSWER: An unweighted grade-point average is one where no additional grade points are awarded for any courses (advanced placement, honors, etc.)

QUESTION: Are all courses considered equal in the calculation of a grade-point average?

ANSWER: No. An A grade in a one-credit class would not be considered equal to an A grade in a five (5)-credit class.

B. Continuing Scholastic Eligibility

(1) Minimum Requirements

A student is scholastically eligible if:

- a. The student achieved an unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in enrolled courses at the conclusion of the previous grading period. (See Q&A below in Bylaw 205.B.(1)e.)
- b. The student is currently enrolled in at least 20 semester credits of work;
 - (i) **Non-Traditional Programs**
In schools where other than traditional semester programs are offered, the principal of each individual school shall be responsible for determining the equivalent of 20 semester credits of work.

(ii) Accelerated Programs

Students studying on an accelerated program that includes one (1) or more advanced (either high school or college) courses while enrolled in high school may substitute enrollment and passing grades in these courses for one (1) or more required 20 semester credits of work; evaluation of these courses is to be done by the high school principal.

- c. The student was passing in the equivalent of at least 20 semester credits of work at the completion of the most recent grading period;
- d. The student is maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board;
- e. The student has maintained during the previous grading period a minimum unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in all enrolled courses.

205.1 To determine current scholastic eligibility, a student's grades must be checked at each regular report period of the school concerned.

- a. **Schools or districts or leagues or Sections must establish an eligibility date following the immediately previous grading period in compliance with their respective CIF Section Policy. This is the date on which all students become eligible and ineligible based on their officially posted grades in the immediately previous grading period.**
- b. **Grades cannot be changed following the grading period for purposes of addressing any deficiency in an individual student's scholastic eligibility.**
- c. **Only grades changed prior to the established eligibility date and changed in accordance with all California State Education Code requirements and approved by the principal may be used for purposes of determining scholastic eligibility.**

QUESTION:	What is the eligibility status of a student who does not earn a 2.0 GPA at the end of the probationary period?
ANSWER:	The student will be ineligible for further competition and will remain ineligible until a 2.0 GPA is achieved at the end of some subsequent grading period.
QUESTION:	Can a school only count semester grades for the purpose of meeting the rule in regard to grades being checked at each reporting period?
ANSWER:	No - Schools must check grades at each regular grading period regardless of whether this is a final semester grade or not. In the case of most Southern Section schools this would normally occur four (4) times a year at nine (9) week intervals.

QUESTION:	What if the grading period ends, but the grades themselves will not return from the computer center for two weeks?
ANSWER:	Keep in mind the basic rule that the period of potential eligibility must be exactly equal to the period of potential ineligibility. An ineligible student who has just regained his or her eligibility and an eligible student who has just become ineligible can never be eligible on the same day. If grades are returned from the computer center two weeks after the end of the grading period, it is at that point (when the grades are returned) students become eligible and ineligible for the next grading period. This system would balance out over the school year, assuming grades are returned roughly two weeks after each period ends. Grade checks may never be made for just athletes. If a grade check is to be made, it must be made for every member of the student body in terms of eligibility standards.