

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: July 23, 2019

To: Senior High School Principals and Vice Principals; Area Superintendents

Subject: 9th Grade Athletic Probationary Period

Department and/or Persons Concerned: Senior High School Principals, Vice Principals, and Athletic Directors; Middle School Principals

Attachments: San Diego Unified School District Athletic Probationary Contract

Brief Explanation:

This circular provides information regarding a probationary period for incoming 9th grade student athletes for the fall 2019 season.

A. General Overview

Per SDUSD policies and procedures, students with a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher are granted athletic eligibility to participate in fall season sports upon promoting from 8th grade and entering into 9th grade. Students who hold under a 2.0 GPA are able to appeal for an athletic probationary contract and be allowed to play for the first grading period of the fall semester. Cumulative GPAs do not apply; the last report card the student is issued prior to entering into high school will be referenced. The SDUSD Director of Athletics will continue to share districtwide probationary data with High School Principals, Middle School Principals, and Area Superintendents.

B. Site Responsibilities

1. Students who are below a 2.0 academic or citizenship GPA will need to attend a meeting with their parent/guardian and a designee from the high school to discuss the student's current situation and review the future expectations of the student.
2. The parent/guardian, student, and school designee will sign the Athletic Probationary Contract (attachment).
3. The school site will submit a copy of the completed probationary contract to the SDUSD Athletics Office for monitoring and accountability purposes.
4. School sites will monitor and work with the SDUSD Director of Athletics to collect data on the program's participating students to determine if the students were successful with this opportunity to reconnect.

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