

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: April 24, 2017

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 2017 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 a 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 share districtwide probationary data with High School Principals, Middle School Principals, and Area Superintendents.

B. Site Responsibilities

- 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.
- The parent/guardian, student, and school designee will sign the Athletic Probationary Contract (attachment).
- The school site will submit a copy of the completed probationary contract to the SDUSD Athletics Office for monitoring and accountability purposes.
- 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.

For additional information, contact Scott Giusti at 619-725-7125 or sgiusti@sandi.net.

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Attachment



San Diego Unified School District Athletic Probationary Contract

Per San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) policies and procedures, students with a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher in academic and citizenship on their most recent report card 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 on their most recent report card can appeal for a probationary contract and be allowed to play for the first grading period of the fall semester.

I. PARTIES

This document represents an agreement between the following parties:

- Printed Name of School Designee _____
- Printed Name of Student _____ Student ID # _____
- Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____

II. TERMS

Under the terms of this contract, the student shall:

1. Complete homework on a regular basis
2. Attend school and be on time to class on a regular basis
3. Be a role model in the classroom as it pertains to behavior
4. Seek assistance from teachers if struggling on tests and quizzes
5. Seek assistance from teachers if struggling to understand classwork or homework
6. Alert parent/guardian and school designee listed above if struggling with any of terms 1-5

III. AGREEMENTS

As the student, I choose to go on academic athletic probation beginning the first day of school through the first grading period of the fall semester and understand this will be the only grading period this year that this option is available to me.

I agree to the terms of this contract as stated above and understand that breaking the terms of this contract may result in my athletic eligibility being immediately revoked. I also acknowledge my responsibility and understand that failure to comply with the terms of this agreement will result in my not being able to play in interscholastic athletic contests.

As parent/guardian, I agree to view and monitor my student's attendance and grades weekly on PowerSchool, or any other posted site the teacher is using, and report any concerns to the School Designee. I agree to provide a place and expectation for my student to do homework each night that is distraction free. I agree to work with the teacher to make sure my student is attending any after school tutoring necessary to pass the class. I agree to the terms of the contract and permit my student to go on academic athletic probation. I also agree to notify the School Designee if the student has not upheld the terms of the contract. I understand the probationary period is only for the first grading period of the incoming 9th grade year and that the breaking of the terms of this contract will result in student's current athletic eligibility being revoked.

Signature of School Designee _____ Date _____

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____