

## York Catholic Middle School & High School Eligibility Policy

A student's eligibility to participate in the interscholastic athletic program at York Catholic Middle School and High School is a privilege. An athlete does not confer any honor or favor upon the school by his participation, but rather the school honors and confers a favor upon the student by allowing him/her to represent the school in any athletic event. Hence, unsportsmanlike conduct is a betrayal of a trust and may result in the forfeiture of this privilege and dismissal from the team.

A student's eligibility to participate in the interscholastic program is determined by any rules and regulations of the P.I.A.A., the York Adams Interscholastic Athletic Association and any further regulations established by the school for eligibility, scholastic standing, and academic status. All students must be in good academic standing to try-out for any team. Students and parents must sign a contract to participate in athletics.

In its efforts to lead students to academic achievement, the administration and faculty of York Catholic observe the following criteria for student participation in extra-curricular activities:

- Any athlete who is ejected from a game or contest for unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible to participate in that sport for the next 2 games. The athlete will also comply with any other consequences as dictated by the PIAA, District III, or YAIAA.
- **If a student is failing in more than one major subject in a week, he/she is ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities or events during the upcoming week, Monday through Sunday. If by the end of the one-week ineligibility period a student continues to have two or more failing grades, his/her ineligibility is extended for the next one-week period.**
- If a student fails two major subjects for any quarter and/or for the first semester, he/she will be ineligible until the first ineligibility list of the new quarter and he/she will lose cafeteria privileges for the next quarter.
- If a student fails three or more major subjects in a quarter and/or for the first semester, he/she will remain ineligible through the duration of the new quarter.
- **If a student is ineligible three or more times for the duration of a school activity (marching band, musical, sports season, etc.), he/she will be removed from said activity.**
- Three separate detention infractions in a season will result in a student being declared ineligible for an athletic practice. The fourth infraction will result in a missed game/event. The fifth infraction will result in removal from the team/activity.
- A student can be dismissed from the team/squad for the remainder of the season for any of the following reasons:
  - Stealing
  - Selling, possession, use of or under the influence of drugs/alcohol, vaping substance or device
  - Any type of conduct which brings disfavor upon the school
  - Any major infraction included in the Student Handbook

These rules apply to the student/athlete both in and out of school during the season of competition. (If a student is dismissed from a team or squad, the student's picture will not appear in the yearbook. This includes senior individual pictures for that particular sport.)