



Delaware Military Academy

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DMA Athletic and Extracurricular Eligibility Policy

Definitions:

- An athletic activity is any DIAA sanctioned sport which takes place in the fall, winter or spring season. This includes all DMA-sanctioned off season, organized sports activities or practices.
- An extracurricular activity is a club or team, not covered under DIAA, that is not tied directly to a credit-bearing course at DMA. Examples include: science olympiad, student government association or art club.
- A co-curricular activity is an activity where participation in that activity is tied to their grade in a credit-bearing course at DMA. By state and federal statute, all approved Career and Technical Programs (CTE) programs are also considered co-curricular. Examples include: BPA, marching band or choir.

Eligibility Requirements for Athletics:

In order for a cadet to be eligible to participate in any DMA athletic program, they must meet the minimum DIAA requirements and have earned a 2.0 or higher GPA during the previous grading period (marking period or cumulative). The current DIAA requirements can be found here:

<https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1000/1009.shtml>

When determining GPA, the state system of record (PowerSchool) will be utilized. The GPA will be re-evaluated at the end of each grading period. Please refer to the information below to determine which GPA will be used to determine athletic eligibility.

Fall Season:

Cadets will be deemed eligible based on the previous school year's MP4 GPA **OR** their cumulative GPA as of the previous marking period, whichever is higher. If a cadet is completing a required summer credit recovery class, those grades will be added at the conclusion of the course (2nd Friday of August) and the GPA will be recalculated by the system of record. This new GPA will then be used to determine eligibility and will include both the old course grade and the new course grade in the calculation. Incoming 9th graders are automatically eligible.

At the conclusion of MP1 (early November), the athletic director will review the MP1 GPAs for all cadets currently active on an athletic team. Any cadet not meeting the 2.0 GPA requirement will be removed from the team and ineligible to participate as of the date report cards are issued.

Winter Season:

Cadets will be deemed eligible for winter sports based on their MP1 GPA. Any winter athlete whose MP1 GPA is below 2.0 will be ineligible until MP2 grades are released in January and their GPA is re-assessed.

At the conclusion of MP2, the athletic director will review the MP2 GPA for all cadets currently active on an athletic team or who were ineligible at the start of the season. Cadets will be deemed eligible based on the MP2 GPA **OR** their cumulative GPA as of the close of the semester, whichever

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is higher. Any cadet not meeting the 2.0 GPA requirement will be ineligible to participate for the remainder of the season, as of the date report cards are issued.

Spring Season

Cadets will be deemed eligible based on their MP2 GPA **OR** their cumulative GPA as of the close of the fall semester, whichever is higher. At the conclusion of MP3 (mid to late March), the athletic director will review the MP3 GPAs for all cadets currently active on an athletic team. Any cadet not meeting the 2.0 GPA requirement will be ineligible to participate as of the date report cards are issued.

DIAA Specific Academic Requirements:

- Cadet must be passing at least five credits with at least two of them in the areas of math, English, science, social studies or world language. If the cadet is a twelfth grader, the cadet must be passing all classes required for graduation from DMA. This includes online health and PE if not completed in earlier high school years.

Eligibility Requirements for Extracurricular Activities:

In order for a cadet to be eligible to participate in any DMA extra-curricular activity, they must have earned a 2.0 or higher GPA during the previous grading period (marking period or cumulative). When determining GPA, the state system of record (PowerSchool) will be utilized. The GPA will be re-evaluated at the end of each grading period.

At the conclusion of each marking period, the Dean of Cadets will review the marking period GPAs for all cadets currently active in an extracurricular activity. Any cadet not meeting the 2.0 GPA requirement will be ineligible to participate as of the date report cards are issued.

At the start of the school year, eligibility is based on the previous school year's MP4 GPA **OR** their cumulative GPA as of the previous marking period, whichever is higher. If a cadet is completing a required summer credit recovery class, those grades will be added at the conclusion of the course (2nd Friday of August) and the GPA will be recalculated by the system of record. This new GPA will then be used to determine eligibility and will include both the old course grade and the new course grade in the calculation. Incoming 9th graders are automatically eligible.

Eligibility Requirements for Co-curricular Activities:

Co-curricular activities are available for cadets enrolled in a specific class where the activity is connected to the class. Cadets enrolled in co-curricular activities are not subject to eligibility requirements. The teacher will continually evaluate to determine if additional academic supports should be made available.

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