

*Mount Olive Department of Athletics*  
*Eligibility Regulations*

**Eligibility:** The policy provides avenues for students to seek assistance, allows students to reap the benefits of athletic participation and sets clear-cut consequences without compromising the integrity of **Mount Olive's rich academic tradition.**

**Part I. Two (2) Failure Rule**

- If a student fails two or more subjects during any respective marking period, the student will be placed on "Red-Shirt" status.
- "Red-Shirt" status entails a (3) three week period where the student will be permitted to practice, but not be allowed to participate in games/matches.
- At the end of the (3) three-week period, the student's progress is reevaluated. If the student is passing ALL courses, the student will be reinstated to participate in games/matches.
- If the student is deficient in any subject area at the reevaluation period, the student will be ineligible to play in any games/matches for the remainder of the marking period. However the student will be permitted to stay a member of the team and practice.
- The same will hold true for a student who has only one failure, if he/she has failed the first and second marking period in the same subject area or have a failing average of marking period grades any time during the school year.
- If the failures take place in the fourth marking period or a failing average is earned at the end of the school year, the student will be placed on "Red-Shirt" status for the beginning of the first marking period of the ensuing school year. **\*\*\*Successful completion of summer school course work will not free the student from "Red-Shirt" status for the ensuing school year.\*\*\***

- The consequences will be issued and take effect immediately for a student involved in the season in which the checkpoints and evaluations have taken place. For a student not involved in a respective sports season at the time of the grade check he/she will have the consequences issued at the beginning of the season in which he/she participates.

*Example: First marking period grades are reported approximately in the first week of November. A fall athlete would be affected immediately. An athlete, who participates in the winter season, and not the fall, would have the “Red-Shirt” status take effect on the first day of practice for that season. For swimmers and ice hockey players it would be November 15. For all other winter athletes, it would start on the Monday after Thanksgiving weekend.*

## **Part II. Progress Report Check Point**

- If a student has two (2) or more failures on his/her progress report, the student will be placed on probation.
- Students who are placed on probation will have ten (10) days before grades will be reevaluated.
- During the ten (10) day period, the student will continue to play and practice, while attending extra help sessions.
- If the student is passing all classes at the grade checkpoint, the student will continue practicing and playing without interruption.
- If the student is failing in any subject area, the student will be ineligible for the remainder of the marking period.

## **Part III. Incompletes**

- Incompletes will be considered failing grades until they are made up.
- Students are given three (3) weeks to make up all incompletes.
- Any extenuating circumstances that would require additional time can be appealed to the Athletic

Committee, comprised of the Principal, the Director of Guidance, the Director of Athletics and one coach.

- If incompletes are not made up within the time period allocated, the student will be ineligible for the remainder of the marking period.

- Two (2) incompletes or an incomplete + a failure will place a student on “Red-Shirt” status, at which time he/she has three (3) weeks to improve his/her grades.

- Loss of credit will be treated as a failing average.