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Spartanburg High School Football Academic Requirements / Services



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Purpose: We will provide our athletes with the support structures needed to help them achieve high levels of success and be prepared to take the next step in preparing for their calling. These support structures are aligned with the academic requirements set for participation. We want to not only equip our players with the knowledge to guarantee future successes, but also empower them with the experiences, tools, skills and network to ensure future successes. We will not place the importance of a victory over the importance of empowering our youth with an education. These academic requirements also allow for us to be the most cerebral team on the field on any given night.

Method: Our director of academic services will check the players' grades each week. These grades will be reported to the head coach and staff by Sunday at 1:00. The players will be organized into performance tiers. Each tier will be accompanied with its own recognitions, requirements, and support structures. The players may move up through the tiers as the week progresses.

Tier 1: Any player in Tier 1 will have all A's. These players will be recognized and applauded. These players will also be dismissed from any academic overtimes and study hall for the week.

Tier 2: Any player in Tier 2 will have all grades at or above an 85. These players will be recognized and applauded. These players will also be dismissed from any academic overtimes and study hall for the week.

Tier 3: Any player in Tier 3 will have all grades at or above a 70. These players will be required to attend at least one academic overtime for each class that is below an 85. These players will also be required to attend study hall on Thursday afternoons.

Tier 4 10th - 12th: Any player in Tier 4 will have one or more grades BELOW a 70. These players will be required to attend at least two academic overtimes for each class that is below a 70. These players will also be required to attend study hall on Thursday afternoons. These players will be academically suspended for the game this week unless the grade is brought to a 70 or a teacher advocates for their efforts*.

Tier 4 Freshman: Any freshman player in Tier 4 (one or more grades BELOW a 70) will be required to attend a mandatory study hall on Friday from 3:40 – 4:40 as well as be required to attend at least two academic overtimes for each class that is below a 70, and attend the team study hall on Thursday afternoons. There will be no transportation provided on Friday. Players failing to attend will be suspended the following week.

*Players will be suspended from all team activities if they reach a third academic suspension.

*Teachers may advocate on behalf of player's efforts. Genuine effort overrides numerical grades.

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Support Services: The players will also have access to the following support structures provided by the Director of Academic Services, the school, the district and any community partnerships that we have formed.

- Weekly grade monitoring.
- Assigned and monitored weekly study hall assignments.
- Assigned and monitored weekly academic assistance assignments within power hour remediation schedules.
- Tutorial assignments as needed.
- Academic skills taught and developed including but not limited to: note taking, organization, study skills, questioning skills, resource materials and aids, etc.
- Help with IGPs, course and teacher recommendations.
- Encouraged Academic Placement Advancement: Monitor and guide increasingly appropriate advancements in rigor.
- SAT / ACT Assignment: Guide, direct, and monitor test registrations.
- SAT / ACT Preparation: Implement testing services and preparation.
- Monitored and informed of SCHSL eligibility requirements.
- Monitored and informed of NCAA Initial Eligibility: Track NCAA core GPAs, Pacing, Test Scores, and Eligibility.
- Guided, directed and monitored NCAA registration.
- Guided on the requirements for desired institutions: College, University, Military.
- Compile scholarship information, opportunities, criteria, and assist with applications.

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