

Scholarship – New Standards for grades 7-8 students – effective for the 2010

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New Scholarship Standards for students in Grades 7-8

With the passage of the changes to bylaws 4-4-4 and 4-4-5, students who are enrolled in a member 7-8th grade school for the 2010-11 school year will be required to **pass a minimum of five courses of all subjects taken** in the preceding grading period.

Beginning August 1, 2010, which means that the **bylaws become operationally effective at the end of the first grading period of the 2010-11 school year**, the revisions read as follows:

4-4-4 - A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed **a minimum of five of all** subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

4-4-5 – A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in **a minimum of five** of those subjects in which the student received grades.

We understand that some schools may have to add a course for students who are only taking four courses. For students taking just five courses, there will be no margin for error as failing even one course will cause a student to be ineligible for a grading period. Please keep in mind that **all subjects** in which the student will receive a grade or a P/F or S/U will count. Thus, if a student is taking three electives in a grading period, each of the grades in those subjects would count toward this standard.

The OHSAA will monitor this change as the school year proceeds, and we are interested in hearing your feedback.