**Athletic Eligibility Requirements**

Only students in grades 7-12 may participate in interscholastic athletic competition (State Board of Education Regulation). No student may be eligible to participate at the middle school level for a period lasting longer than four (4) consecutive semesters beginning with the student’s entry into the seventh grade. The principal shall have evidence of the date of each player’s entry into the seventh grade and monitor the four (4) consecutive semesters. In order to qualify for public school participation, a student must meet the following requirements, but is not limited to the following requirements:

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| **7th Grade** | • **A student who is promoted from the sixth grade to the seventh grade  automatically meets the GPA, attendance and minimum load  eligibility requirements for the first semester.**• Must have earned a 2.0 GPA from previous semester (beginning second  semester)• Must have passed a minimum load of work during the previous semester  (beginning second semester) **\***• Must be currently enrolled in at least one-half of the minimum academic  course load• Must be in attendance at school for at least one-half of the instructional day• May participate at the school where he/she is enrolled• Shall not participate if he/she becomes 15 years of age on or before  August 31 of said school year |
| **8th Grade** | • Must meet local promotion standards• Must have earned a 2.0 GPA from previous semester• Must have passed a minimum load of work during the previous semester **\***• Must be currently enrolled in at least one-half of the minimum academic  course load• Must be in attendance at school for at least one-half of the instructional day• May participate at the school where he/she is enrolled• Shall not participate if he/she becomes 15 years of age on or before  August 31 of said school year |
| **Exceptional Children****(Grades 7-12)** | • The 2.0 eligibility rule will be waived if (1) I.E.P. goals are being met;  (2) satisfactory progress is being made in mainstreamed classes, and  (3) has the principal’s recommendation. |

**\*Middle School**: A minimum load is defined as passing six out of eight courses in the A/B format of block scheduling during the traditional school day.

**Additional Information:**
Specific questions or clarifications of athletic information and/or eligibility should be addressed to the school's athletic director.

For additional information, go to [www.cmsathleticzone.com](http://www.cmsathleticzone.com/) or contact the CMS Athletics office at (980)343-6980.