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TO: Middle and High School Students and Parents/Guardians
FROM: Onslow County Schools Athletics Department
RE: New Attendance Policy

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

During the 2017-2018 school year, there will be a change in the athletic eligibility rules for middle and high schools. The policy now in use states that students must maintain 85% attendance during the current semester in order to be eligible to participate in sports the following semester. Students can request a waiver of this policy for extenuating circumstances. Fall 2017 sports will continue to follow this policy. Beginning with the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year, however, the new athletic attendance policy will read as follows:

When determining athletic eligibility for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year and all subsequent semesters, any absences from the previous semester verified to be excused/lawful by the student's school will not be considered. Students will forfeit athletic eligibility when unlawful/unexcused absences, out-of-school suspensions, or any combination of unlawful/unexcused absences and out-of-school suspensions during the previous semester exceed ten (10) days. No process will exist to request a waiver of unexcused/unlawful absences or out-of-school suspensions.

In short, 2017-2018 first semester sports will follow the current attendance policy (85%) and attendance from the second semester of the current school year will be used to determine eligibility. 2017-2018 second semester sports will follow the new attendance policy and attendance from the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year will be used to determine eligibility. Please contact your coach or athletic director if you have any questions.