

Heritage Christian Academy:

Grade Checks & Academic Eligibility

At Heritage Christian Academy, we want to identify academic concerns early and provide students with opportunities to get the support they need. Throughout the school year, we will regularly monitor student grades and communicate with families when concerns arise. Our goal is to work together while also helping students grow in responsibility and ownership of their academic progress.

WEEKLY GRADE CHECKS

Every **Monday morning**, grades will be reviewed for all Middle & High School students. If a student has a **D or F in any class**, communication will be sent to the student's parent/guardian that day. **The purpose of these weekly grade checks is to identify concerns early and give students, families, and teachers an opportunity to respond before a student falls further behind.**

ACADEMIC SUPPORT & INTERVENTION

If a student's grades do not improve, additional support and expectations may be put in place. These may include:

- Required attendance at specific **Eagle Periods** to receive targeted or 1-on-1 support.
- Additional communication between teachers, parents, and Secondary Administration.
- Specific expectations for completing missing or incomplete work.
- Additional academic support based on the individual needs of the student.

Eagle Period is intentionally built into our school week to provide students with time to receive help, complete assignments, make up assessments, and work directly with teachers. When a student is struggling academically, HCA may determine how that student's Eagle Period time needs to be used.

STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADE CHECKS & ELIGIBILITY

Representing HCA as a student-athlete is a privilege. Students participating in athletics are expected to remain committed to their academic responsibilities in addition to their responsibilities to their team.

Student-athlete grades will be reviewed **every Monday morning** as part of our weekly grade check process.

Student-Athletes with a D

If a student-athlete has a **D in any class**:

- The student's parent/guardian will be notified on Monday.
- The student is expected to take immediate steps toward improving the grade.
- Additional academic support or designated Eagle Period attendance may be required.

A D does **not** automatically make a student-athlete ineligible to compete.

Student-Athletes with an F

If a student-athlete has an **F in any class**:

- The student's parent/guardian will be notified on Monday.
- The student will have through **Thursday afternoon** to improve the failing grade.
- During that time, the student is expected to communicate with the teacher, use available Eagle Period support, and take the necessary steps to improve the grade.

If the grade remains an **F on Thursday afternoon**, the student will be placed on **Academic Probation** and will not be eligible to compete in games or meets.

RETURNING TO COMPETITION

A student-athlete does **not** need to wait until the following Monday's grade check to regain eligibility.

Eligibility will be restored once:

1. The failing grade has been improved to a passing grade.
2. The updated grade is reflected in **FACTS**.
3. The student's eligibility has been confirmed by **Secondary Administration**.

Submitting or completing missing work does not automatically restore eligibility. Teachers must have the opportunity to review and grade the work, and the improved grade must be reflected in FACTS before the student may return to competition.

The purpose of Academic Probation is not to punish a student. Athletics are an important part of the HCA experience, but academics remain a primary responsibility of every student-athlete.

OUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS & FAMILIES

The purpose behind our grade checks is simple: **we want to help your student be successful at HCA.**

We want to communicate concerns early, work alongside families, and provide meaningful opportunities for students to receive the help they need. Our teachers and staff are committed to supporting students when challenges arise.

At the same time, those opportunities need to be met with **intentional effort and ownership from the student.**

We expect students to communicate with their teachers, use Eagle Period intentionally, complete their work, and respond when concerns are identified.

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you and believe that when **students, families, and the schoolwork together**, we put our students in the best position to grow and be successful.