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RE: Athletic Attendance Policy for 2020-21

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Beginning in 2020, Union County Public Schools will enforce a previously used attendance rule as it relates to athletic eligibility. In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics participation, students must have been in daily attendance 85% (No more than 13 absences a semester) of the previous semester and must meet all applicable eligibility standards of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA). The NCHSAA now allows LEA's to determine their own attendance policies for athletic purposes.

The policy will begin being enforced for the 2020-21 school year and will use attendance from the 2nd semester of the 2019-20 school year to determine attendance eligibility for next school year. PowerSchool defines daily attendance as being present 2 blocks. Absences recovered through attendance recovery will not change the attendance record and therefore will impact opportunities including the ability to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Schools will have the opportunity to submit a hardship request based on a legitimate circumstance, such as a medical condition which may have created an attendance hardship. A committee will be formed to review and rule on these appeals.

This information has been shared with all students. We ask for your support in helping our student athletes understand the attendance requirements necessary to participate in athletics beginning in 2020-21. Their attendance during the 2nd semester of this school year will directly impact their ability to play. If you have additional questions, please contact our athletic direction, Ms. Ina Thompson, by telephone at 704-292-7662 or by email at ina.thompson@ucps.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kim Fisenne
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