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To: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors  
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 Subject: **Important Reminders for 2009-10**

It has been both an exciting and busy year here at the OSAA! I wish all of you the best with your graduation ceremonies and other important end-of-year events and activities. As we look toward next year, I would ask you to please note the following information and pass it along to the appropriate people in your school / district:

1. **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

- a. Please remind all of your student-athletes who did not pass the required number of classes during the spring semester / trimester (OSAA Rule 8.1) that they must make up those classes via summer school, correspondence course, night school, etc. in order to be eligible to participate in the fall of 2009. This now applies to all OSAA activities, including speech and music competitions. Students should work hard to regain their eligibility instead of waiting until August and then seeking a grade waiver hardship.
- b. **SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION** (*excerpt OSAA Handbook, Rule 8.1.2*)  
 In addition to the specific credit requirement identified above, to be scholastically eligible, a student must **also** be making satisfactory progress towards the school's graduation requirements **by earning a minimum of the quantity of credits indicated on the chart below for the specified year.**

**Minimum Satisfactory Progress Requirements**

<b>Credits to Graduate</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Credits Per Year</b>	6	6	6.5	6.5	7	7	7.5
<b>Prior to Grade 10</b>	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	5	5
<b>Prior to Grade 11</b>	9.5	10	10	10.5	11	11.5	12
<b>Prior to Grade 12</b>	16	16.5	17.5	18	18.5	19.5	20

**All returning students who do not meet the minimum credit requirements established above need to enroll in and complete a credit recovery program this summer in order to regain (or attempt to regain) their eligibility. Students who are not "on track to graduate" are not eligible to participate unless an Eligibility Request Form has been submitted to the OSAA office and approved by the Executive Director.**

2. **PARTICIPATION ON AFFILIATED TEAMS / COACHES**

It is important to remind your coaches, athletes and parents that if a student plays on a team where a majority of players attend another school or the coach is from another school and the student then transfers to that school, the student is **INELIGIBLE** for one calendar year. This also includes students who have received athletic instruction within the past calendar year from any coach affiliated with the school to which the student transfers.

3. DISTRICT ATHLETIC COMMITTEES

Please remember that under OSAA policy, no hardship requests involving future eligibility may be considered until the student is in an ineligible status. Consequently, schools may not file a hardship request with their District Athletic Committee for transfer students who are not eligible by OSAA rules until after they attend a class or a practice next fall.

4. NFHS FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING REQUIREMENT

Please remember that all athletic directors and all coaches (both paid and volunteer) approved by the school district are now required to successfully complete this requirement prior to assuming their duties. The NFHS fundamentals of coaching course may be completed online at <http://www.osaa.org/coacheducation/> starting on July 1 for \$50.00.

5. MORATORIUM WEEK

All schools are reminded that this new policy adopted by the Association last year goes into affect this summer from August 2-8, 2009. During this week “there shall be no high school facility usage by administrators / coaches and students, and no contact between administrator / coaches and students” (See OSAA Executive Board Policy #53 for more details)

6. TEEN CARDIAC SCREENING

Legacy Emmanuel Hospital is hosting a Teen Cardiac Screening Event on Saturday, July 18, 2009, 8 am – 2 pm at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland. Cost for the screening is \$10 and will include a full cardiac health exam, an electrocardiogram (EKG), and a detailed family history.

7. FALL ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOPS

Attached is a schedule of the Administrator Workshops schedule for Fall 2009. A reminder that every member school is required to have a representative attend one of these workshops.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.  
Have a great summer!

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