

## Dripping Springs Independent School District No Pass-No Play Guideline Summary

Student eligibility always generates many questions during the year. The following is a summary of guidelines taken from the UIL/TEA Side-By-Side (<http://www.uil-texas.org/policy/tea-uil-side-by-side>), and DSISD Board Policy that will provide everyone with an overview of grade eligibility. Please read the guidelines carefully and ask questions if they arise. We have a shared responsibility to insure we do not allow an ineligible student to participate.

- Students who make a grade below 70 in any class must be suspended for a minimum of three weeks beginning seven calendar days after the last class day of the grading period at the time the regular school day is scheduled to end.
- Students with an incomplete grade are ineligible until the "I" is officially replaced through the Registrar's Office with an approved grade. Eligibility can be restored only if the "I" was due to an excused absence and the work was made up in the amount of time allowed in DSISD Board Policy.
- A student's grade **may not be changed for eligibility** by accepting extra credit work or late work turned in after the grading period is over. Corrections to grades may be made if there was a mechanical error in averaging or recording the original grade. This does not preclude the teacher from counting extra credit or late work in determining a student's semester average. Any change in a grade must be approved by the campus principal.
- Special Education students are eligible if his/her IEP requirements have been met.
- The TEA regulations allow local school districts to exempt students from the no pass, no play grade requirements in certain approved honors and advanced courses. Please make your students aware of the DSISD UIL No Pass/No Play Exempt Courses and Guidelines.

## **Dripping Springs Independent School District UIL No Pass/No Play Exempt Courses 2016-2017**

The following is the district adopted UIL approved guidelines and a composite list of UIL no pass/no play exempted courses. In order for a student taking an exempted course to be eligible for participation, he/she must meet the following standards:

- A student must have a minimum grade of 60 in any UIL exempt course to be eligible.
- A student may be exempt for more than one course during a regular grading period.
- A student may use an exemption only one time for each course during each semester.
- A student shall not be exempted for a grade earned on any interim grade report.

A student choosing to use the exemption must pick up an exemption form from the administrative office, complete the form and return it to the campus principal before the period of ineligibility begins. A student will be ineligible until the exemption is approved by the campus principal and a copy is provided to the UIL sponsor or coach.

### **Dripping Springs High School List of Exempt Courses**

- All courses designated as Pre Advanced Placement or Advanced Placement courses in the Dripping Springs High School Course Guide
- All courses designated as dual enrollment English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and Spanish courses in the Dripping Springs High School Course Guide
- All courses designated as gifted and talented courses in the Dripping Springs High School Course Guide
- All Language other than English courses designated as Level III or higher in the Dripping Springs High School Course Guide
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Pre-calculus
- Biotechnology

### **Dripping Springs Middle School List of Exempt Courses**

- All courses designated as Pre Advanced Placement courses in the Dripping Springs Middle School Course Guide
- All courses designated as gifted and talented courses in the Dripping Springs Middle School Course Guide
- All courses taken at the Middle School for High School credit are considered exempt eligible classes.