

# NEW FOR THE 2025-2026 School Year at *Anchor Bay*



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Anchor Bay Middle and High Schools will implement a new student eligibility policy starting in Fall 2025. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Here is a synopsis of the new policy. The full policy is available on the district website.

To participate in extracurricular activities (including dances, athletics, clubs, and performances), students must:

- Have satisfactory citizenship in at least 5 of 6 classes.
- Pass all 6 classes.
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA from the previous semester.
- Athletes must adhere to the Anchor Bay Schools Athletic Code of Conduct.

Eligibility Consequences:

- At Progress Report/Quarter Report: Ineligible for 1 week. Eligibility can be restored with a signed progress report showing improvement.
- At Semester End: Ineligible for 60 school days unless granted a one-time GPA exception (if cumulative GPA is at least 3.0).

Provisional Eligibility for Athletics:

- Students meeting MHSAA standards (passing 4 of 6 classes) but failing Anchor Bay's standards can apply for provisional eligibility by creating an Academic Improvement Plan with the Athletic Director or Assistant Principal.

The full policy including the details about the Academic Improvement Plan provisions can be found on the district website.


## TRIMESTERS

Anchor Bay School District will move to trimesters starting in Fall 2025. Switching to a trimester schedule offers several positive opportunities that benefits students, teachers, and overall school operations. Here are some key advantages:

- ✓ More Course Opportunities – Students can take more classes each year, allowing for greater exploration of electives, career pathways, and advanced coursework.
- ✓ Increased Flexibility – Students who need extra support have more chances to retake or recover credits within the school year, reducing summer school needs.
- ✓ Enhanced Elective and CTE Programs – Schools can offer a wider variety of electives and career-focused courses, enriching students' educational experiences.
- ✓ Increased Student Success – Research suggests that a trimester model can improve retention, achievement, and graduation rates.

Overall, a trimester system creates a flexible, student-centered learning environment that promotes academic success by taking advantage of Anchor Bay's Career Pathways and growing number of CTE and advanced course options.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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