



## Quileute Tribal School District

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### QTS Students May Participate in Sports at QVSD

Under the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) guidelines, students enrolled at Quileute Tribal School (QTS) have the right to participate on the Interscholastic teams at Quillayute Valley School District (QVSD). QTS students must meet the same team responsibilities as the QVSD student-athletes and are held to the same standards of behavior and performance as other members of the team. The QVSD may not refuse to allow students from QTS to participate as long as the student(s) meet the WIAA and QVSD eligibility requirements.

According to the WIAA, in order to maintain athletic eligibility during the current semester, the student shall maintain passing grades, or the minimum grade standards as determined by the school district if more restrictive, in a minimum of:

- 3 classes in a 4-period class schedule or the equivalent credits
- 4 classes in a 5-period class schedule or the equivalent credits
- 5 classes in a 6-period class schedule or the equivalent credits
- 6 classes in a 7-period class schedule or the equivalent credits (QTS offers a 7-period day)
- 7 classes in an 8-period class schedule or the equivalent credits

As per the WIAA eligibility rules above, a student must maintain passing grades in a minimum of 6 periods in a 7-period day. QVSD is required to monitor a student's continued academic eligibility through periodic grade checks within each three to six-week period during the semester beyond normal grading periods. In addition, QVSD can set higher eligibility standards than those set by the WIAA.

According to the WIAA eligibility requirements, a student shall have passed the minimum number of classes in the immediately preceding semester in order to be eligible for competition during the succeeding semester. The record at the end of the semester shall be final, except for those class-for-class replacement credits earned in a regular accredited summer school program or alternative educational program accepted by the school district. Incompletes may be made up for credit during the first five weeks of the subsequent semester (depending on the school's incomplete rules). The suspension period for high school students shall be from the end of the previous semester through the fourth Saturday in September in the fall or the first five weeks of the succeeding semester. The suspension period for middle level students shall be from the end of the previous semester through the first three weeks of the succeeding semester. Each student is eligible on Monday of the week following the end of the suspension period.

If a QTS student or his/her parent is told that he or she must be enrolled at QVSD in order to participate, it is a violation of the WIAA regulations and the parent is urged to contact Superintendent Mark Jacobson and provide him with the name of the QVSD employee or coach making the statement so he can resolve the issue.

If you have questions or wish to learn more, contact QTS Superintendent Mark Jacobson at 360-374-5609 or go to <http://www.wiaa.com/> and select “publications” from the menu bar and “handbook.” Next, go to section 18.0.0 entitled *Student Standards for Interscholastic Eligibility*.