

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to impart to students, employees and the community the School District's policy related to the student activity program. This policy includes information on athletic and extracurricular activities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

School activities provide additional opportunities for students to pursue special interests that contribute to their physical, mental and emotional well-being in conjunction with the formal instructional program. They are of secondary importance in relationship to the formal instructional program; however, they complement the instructional program in providing students with additional opportunities for growth and development.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The school board expects all students who participate in school-sponsored activities to represent the school and community in a responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to school activities.
- B. The school board expects all spectators at school sponsored activities, including parents, employees, and other members of the public, to behave in an appropriate manner at those activities. Students and employees may be subject to discipline and parents and other spectators may be subject to sanctions for engaging in misbehavior or inappropriate, illegal, or unsportsmanlike behavior at these activities or events.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Activities Director/Administrator to disseminate information needed to inform students, parents, staff and the community of the opportunities available within the school activity program and rules of participation.
- D. Those students who participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities must also abide by the league rules. Those employees who conduct MSHSL activities shall be responsible for familiarizing students and parents with all applicable rules, penalties and opportunities. Eligibility information for the MSHSL is on file with the Activities Director.

- E. The Activities Director shall be responsible for presenting the evaluation or recommendation regarding school activity programs to the school board.

IV. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY GENERAL RULES

- A. School Attendance. A participant must be present in school the entire day in order to participate in an activity that day. An exception may be made for approved absences, at the discretion of the Activities Director/Administrator.
- B. Injury. A participant who has been injured and has had medical treatment cannot participate in an event until the date indicated by the participant's doctor.
- C. High School Academic Eligibility. In order to maintain scholastic eligibility a student is to be making satisfactory progress toward graduation as defined below:

Academics

A student who receives an F in a subject at the end of a semester will be ineligible for the following nine-week period. The student must be passing all classes when quarter grades are entered to regain eligibility. The student will NOT be allowed to practice or compete until grades are rechecked and approved by the Activities Director.

There are 2 semesters per school year. One will end in mid January and the second is the end of the school year. The semester marking the end of the school year will be used for academic eligibility for fall and the beginning of winter sports. The January semester grades will be used for current winter activities and for spring participation.

Any student wishing to appeal the ruling will need to request a meeting with the High School Administration. The administration team will consider the following before making the final decision:

- Is the student on track to graduate
- Is the student registered for summer school to make up credits
- Was there an extenuating circumstance
- What is the plan to make up credits

Incompletes

Students receiving an “I” at the end of the semester will be allowed 2 weeks to complete the coursework for a grade. After 2 weeks, the student must submit grades from ALL classes (NOT just the classes with an “I”). The student must have all passing grades (no F’s and no I’s) to be eligible for activities. If the student does receive an F or an I after the 2 weeks in any course, the student will be ineligible for the remainder of the marking period.

- D. Middle School Academic Eligibility. In order to maintain scholastic eligibility a student is to be making satisfactory progress toward graduation as defined by below:

Any middle school student who receives an “Incomplete or Failing Grade” in one subject at the end of a nine week period (quarters 1, 2, 3) will be placed on probation. The student has three weeks to raise their failing grade(s) to passing grades. It is the responsibility of the student to raise their grades by spending time after school with teachers in order to fulfill current quarter requirements. The student will not be allowed to compete in practices or contests with quarter ending “Incompletes or Failing Grades”. As soon as the student has met course requirements and has earned passing grades in all of their classes, they are permitted to rejoin their team or activity. Students, who can not bring up their grades within the three week probation period, will forfeit their privilege of participating in extracurricular activities until all grades are passing. The value of the courses at the middle school are weighted differently than high school courses, so all middle school students will comply with the language intended for middle school students.

- D. Travel. Participants must travel to and from contests, scrimmages or practices, away from Monticello, in transportation provided by the School District. Any alternative arrangements must be approved by the Activities Director. Exceptions may be made because of injury or illness to a participant requiring alternative transportation. Students may be released to their parent at the site of the event by signing out with the student’s coach/supervisor.
- E. Insurance. The School District does not carry insurance that covers injuries to participants or loss of property. Parents or guardians will be solely responsible in case of accident, injury or loss of property.

- F. Captain's Practice. Captain's practices are not sponsored or supervised by Monticello Public Schools. The Monticello School District assumes no liability for students involved in captain's practice.
- G. Conduct Unbecoming an Athlete or Activity Participant. Students demonstrating undesirable behavior in school or out of school may be suspended from participation in extracurricular activities or have other action taken against them.
- H. Fee Structure. Students will not be allowed to practice or participate in an activity until all required forms are turned in and the stipulated activity fee has been paid in full.

V. ACTIVITY AND ATHLETIC AWARDS

Criteria for awards based on activities and athletics are established by the Activities Director and the coach or advisor of that particular activity. These criteria are on file with the Activities Director.

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