

M.S.A.D. #30

CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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The Board recognizes the importance of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as athletics, student council, dances, and other school sponsored activities. The Board recognizes that these activities provide opportunities for a student to raise self-esteem, learn team work, pride, self-discipline, integrity, and other values. The Board, however, places a higher priority upon the academic program. The Board therefore sets forth eligibility standards for participation in the athletic and band activities in addition to the Board's expectations for student conduct.

Eligibility:

Students who are failing at the end of any week (Friday) shall be ineligible for the next week (Monday through Saturday). A student will remain ineligible until his/her accumulated academic average for all subjects is passing at the end of the next week or weeks.

Conduct and Participation:

This policy is established for the purpose of maintaining a safe and good sportsmanship oriented atmosphere in all forms of extra-curricular sports. This policy is an effort on the part of the Board to minimize inherent risks attached to various sports.

The purpose of athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many boys and girls as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the first consideration. However, it is recognized that a well-conducted athletic program is a potent factor in the morale of a student body and an important phase of good community-school relations. Too great an emphasis on winning contests or too consistent a record of losing them are both harmful to the development of good attitudes among students and the public.

The following conditions shall serve as guidelines in the conduct of athletic programs:

1. Participation in interscholastic athletics is limited to students in grades 6-8.
2. The athletic program is an integral part of the program and comes under the authority of the Administrator to the same degree as all other phases of the program.
3. Qualified personnel shall be assigned to supervise and coach the individual sports. Those teachers having direct responsibility for the conduct of the athletic program of the school are required to conform in all ways to the general education program as laid down by the Board and administration, including such matters as schedules, financial expenditures, and health and safety regulations.
4. No student may start practice for any athletic team until he or she has been examined and approved by a medical doctor within the past twenty-four (24) months, and until written consent has been obtained from the parent. It is a

parental responsibility to insure that their child receives a physical examination or medical statement indicating that the participant is fit to participate in the athletic program

5. Expenditures for the athletic program shall be incorporated as part of the general budget of the Board.
6. School participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the Administrator. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences, and of annual sports schedules.
7. Athletes who are ineligible will be expected to attend practice and home games unless they are receiving extra help from a teacher or otherwise excused by the coach. They may not participate in any games.

Intramural Sports:

Students may be placed on academic probation from intramurals if their work is not completed or up to par. Students who sign up for an intramural activity and then choose not to attend will not be eligible for the next activity.

Eligibility Procedure:

- When teams have been established, coaches will provide teachers with the names of those students who have been selected.
- Teachers will check the progress of those students by Monday of the following week and report any failings to the coach.
- Failing students will be placed on probation for Monday through Saturday.
- The student will be suited up and must sit with the team at home games during the probationary period.
- The student will not attend away games.
- Students who fail to comply with this procedure will be subject to team rules and disciplined accordingly.

APPROVED BY THE M.S.A.D. #30 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON DECEMBER 3, 1996

Activities includes sports, plays, Math Team, band, chorus, and other activities outside the regular curriculum.

I have read and understand this policy.

Parent

Student