

**SEASONAL ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**Missoula County Public Schools**  
**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGN OFF**

Student participation in student government, clubs, performing or competitive activities, and athletics is governed by the regulations developed and administered by the Montana High School Association and the Missoula County Public School District. The Athletic Code of Conduct is a commitment to represent self, school, family and the community in the most positive manner at all times. The code of conduct is in effect for the entire school year and all subsequent high school years, to include fall athletic practice in August and any school-sponsored events, regardless of the time of year.

Instructions for securing the privilege of representing Missoula County Public Schools in extra-curricular events:

- ☐ Read and sign the Code of Conduct
- ☐ Complete physical (Must be on file before participation in sports of any kind – must use MHSA physical form)
- ☐ Provide the name of your insurance company (can purchase insurance through school)
- ☐ Complete the emergency Information form
- ☐ Complete Parent Code of Conduct form
- ☐ Complete the Risk Disclosure Agreement
- ☐ Payment of fees

**CODE OF CONDUCT includes – Academic, Citizenship, and Alcohol & Drug Policy**

**1. ACADEMIC POLICY**

A student must successfully earn 2.5 credits in the semester prior to when the semester the intended activity is held. This policy will be changed for the fall of 2010 and will read: “A student must achieve a current GPA of 2.0 or higher and may not have an F in any subject at each grading period: i.e., mid-quarter, quarter, and semester, to be eligible for participation in competitive athletic and specific activity programs.”

**2. CITIZENSHIP POLICY**

The Board of Directors of the Missoula County Public Schools offers a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school district throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise this privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with the board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the board, administration, and individual activity coaches and sponsors. The activities director shall keep records of violations of the Citizenship Policy.

**3. ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY**

- A.** The policy shall be enforced during the school year when a student (regardless of age) is enrolled at MCPS for school-sponsored activities, including summer activities.
- B.** Any student involved in an extra-curricular, performing or competitive activity or athletic program shall not knowingly purchase, possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substances of any kind during a school year, regardless of the student's age. A student who finds himself or herself in jeopardy because of a substance abuse problem will be referred for professional assistance at family expense.
- C.** Any student who finds himself/herself in the company of persons who illegally possess, use, transmit, or are under the influence of alcohol, performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substance (i.e., frequenting of areas, places, or sites where drugs and/or alcohol are present), is expected to leave within a reasonable period of time. Failure to do so will result in discipline as if they were in violation of this policy.
- D.** Any student engaging in inappropriate or offensive conduct or any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system, excluding minor traffic offenses, regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s).
- E.** Student Transfers. A student who transfers from one Missoula County Public School to another or from another district will maintain his/her accumulative offense status regarding the alcohol and drug policy.

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY VIOLATIONS

1. First offense in a student's high school career: The student shall be suspended from competing or performing in any school-sanctioned activity for one year. Days counted include 12 calendar months beginning the date the student is notified of suspension.
2. Second offense in a student's high school career: The student shall be suspended from competing or performing in any school-sanctioned activity for one year. Days counted include 12 calendar months beginning the date the student is notified of suspension.
3. Third offense in a student's high school career: Full suspension from all extra-curricular activity programs for the remainder of the student's high school career.

Reduction of suspension times: A student can reduce the suspension time for first and second offenses by registering for an approved education course and providing documentation from the approved program that he/she will participate in the course. Student will be required to submit evidence of course completion and shall continue to attend practices/participate in the activity during the period of suspension if approved by the Activity Leader. First and second offenses can be reduced further if a student self-reports to the Activity Director or designee within 48 hours of the incident and completes the approved education course. First offenses are reduced to 30 days with the approved education course or 20 days with self-report and the course. Second offenses are reduced to 60 days with the approved education course or 50 days with self-report and the course.

### **VIOLATIONS ARE CUMULATIVE DURING A STUDENT'S FOUR YEARS IN HIGH SCHOOL.**

## Missoula County Public Schools LETTERING POLICY

To obtain a varsity letter or be nominated for all-conference honors in the current season, the student will need to conform to the guidelines and requirements set forth by the District and the head coach/advisor of the activity.

## APPEALS POLICY

Due process shall be given to all students with regard to administration of the code of conduct policy. Any appeals of consequences shall be made in writing to the high school administration. If a student has been eliminated from activities due to a code of conduct violation, they may appeal to the Superintendent for re-enrollment in school activities.

## PHYSICAL POLICY

All students need a physical before beginning practice. Physicals must be done on the MHSA physical form which is available in the main office or on the school website on the activity pages. Physicals obtained after May 1<sup>st</sup> are valid through the end of the following school year.

## PAYMENT OF FEES POLICY

All students need to have the following fees paid before the first practice in order to participate.

ACTIVITY CARD  
PARTICIPATION FEE  
WHITE FEE (WHERE APPLICABLE)

## CODE OF CONDUCT AND INSURANCE AGREEMENT

My son/daughter is covered by \_\_\_\_\_ (insurance company's name)  
Medical insurance carried by Parent/Guardian, and the school will not be liable for any injury that occurs during participation in athletics/activities except for injury resulting from the sole negligence of the school district.

**We have read this material, discussed it together, and agree to support the code of conduct.**

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Print Student's Name	Grade	ID#	SPORT(S)	Student's Signature
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Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date