



MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CODE OF ELIGIBILITY

Adopted by the Maryville Board of Education on September 16, 1998

Revised: October 20, 2004; May 17, 2006; July 16, 2008; August 19, 2009; March 16, 2011

Introduction

Extra-curricular participation is a privilege for students in grades 9-12 in the Maryville R-II School District. This privilege will be revoked or suspended, however, if any participant fails to follow the rules and regulations outlined in this code. The Code of Eligibility for the Maryville High School activities program is meant to encourage students who represent the school in one or more of its activities to abide by local, state, and federal laws and restrictions pertaining to the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and controlled substances. It is intended to encourage parents, faculty members, administrators, and board members to demonstrate commitment to established policies which state that we will teach students about substance use and abuse. It is also intended to address student violations in a uniform manner between and among activities.

Student Eligibility Standards

Citizenship standards of the Missouri State High School Activities Association state that students who represent their high school must be creditable citizens and judged so by the proper school authority who certifies a list of students for competition. Those students whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their school are not considered "creditible students."

Students must be responsible citizens in and about the community, while at school, and/or while representing the school. This includes behavior while away from school or at activities associated with the school district. The responsible citizen expectations are in effect 12 months of the year.

Until July 1, 2009, academic standards state that students in Grades 9-12 must be currently enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer a minimum of 2.50 units of credit, and must have earned a minimum of 2.50 units of credit the preceding semester of attendance. MHS students must pass five classes to meet this standard, except for students entering the 9th grade for the first time, whose first semester credit requirements shall be met by promotion from 8th grade to 9th grade. Effective July 1, 2009, students representing Maryville High School in MSHSAA activities must have earned a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or passed 80% of their courses.

MSHSAA regulations require each student to notify the school of any situations that would affect his/her eligibility. If the student does not notify the school of the situation prior to the school's discovery, then the student may be ineligible for up to 365 days from discover.

Section A. Purpose

In order that the standards and ideals of Maryville High School will be upheld and uniformly enforced, the Board of Education has established the following rules of conduct, both in and out of school, which all students, and parents of students involved, should clearly understand.

Section B. Definitions (For clarity and understanding, some definitions follow.)

1. "Alcoholic Beverage" shall include any intoxicating beverage and non-intoxicating beer.
2. "School Activities" shall include those activities offered by Maryville High School that fall under the jurisdiction of the Missouri State High School Activities Association.
3. "Controlled Substance" shall include prescription drugs, which were not prescribed by a physician for the student in possession thereof, and shall also include all drugs under the classifications of narcotics, depressants, stimulants, marijuana, and hallucinogens.
4. "Participating Student" means any Maryville High School student in activities offered by Maryville High School that fall under the jurisdiction of the Missouri State High School Activities Association.
5. "Period of Ineligibility" indicates the period measured in calendar days during which participating students will be ineligible to participate in school activities.
6. "Possession" means to have on one's person, to have in one's control or to have consumed any item constituting a violation as described in this code, or to be visibly intoxicated.
7. "Violation" means breaking any school or training rule, as well as breaking any city, state or federal law except non-alcohol related traffic offense as found by a preponderance of the evidence from all available sources at an informal meeting as described in this code.

Section C. Findings

A violation observed by juvenile authorities, law enforcement officials, and any person employed by the Maryville R-II School District shall be reported to building administration. School officials will conduct an investigation. Reports from other parties may also result in an investigation by school officials. If a participating student, after an informal meeting before the principal and activity director, is found to have committed a violation as described in this code, either in or out of school, the participating student shall there upon be declared ineligible to participate in school activities. The student shall remain out of such activities for the pertinent time limits prescribed below.

Item 1: Any participating student commits an Item 1 violation if he or she does any of the following:

1. Smokes tobacco, or has in his or her possession, items of cigarettes, tobacco substances, or smoking paraphernalia; or

2. Has unauthorized possession of athletic or any other type of school-owned property; or
3. Commits a violation of any city, state, or federal penal or criminal law, except non-alcohol related traffic offenses (as determined by law enforcement), or breaks a school or training rule not addressed in Item 2 below.

After the informal meeting, if a violation is found to have occurred as above described in this Item 1, the period of ineligibility shall begin immediately or when student begins activity/extra-curricular participation, according to the following schedule:

- 1st Offense: 30 calendar days of ineligibility during which the student is involved in school activities,
- 2nd Offense: 60 calendar days of ineligibility during which the student is involved in school activities.
- 3rd Offense: 365 calendar days.

Item 2:

Any participating student commits an Item 2 violation if he or she does any of the following:

- 1) consumes, is under the influence, or has in his/her possession alcohol or any controlled substance.
- 2) attends an illegal gathering where alcohol and/or illegal drugs are being used. Family weddings and gatherings are not considered illegal gatherings; however, this does NOT allow use of these products.
- 3) enters a vehicle which is transporting alcoholic beverages unless he/she is under the direct supervision of his/her parents, legal guardian or other adult who is legally permitted to purchase alcoholic beverages and the alcoholic beverages remain unopened while in the vehicle.

After the informal meeting, if a violation is found to have occurred as above described in this Item 2, the period of ineligibility shall begin immediately or when student begins activity/extra-curricular participation according to the following schedule:

- 1st Offense: 60 calendar days of ineligibility during which the student is involved in school activities.
- 2nd Offense: 90 calendar days of ineligibility during which the student is involved in school activities.
- 3rd Offense: 365 calendar days.

Additional Consequences

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no participating student shall be allowed to again participate in school activities until he or she has completed any and all of the above-described directions and requirements in the decision reached by the school officials.

Any student found to be ineligible under this code will also be placed on probation for a two-year period, which includes the period of ineligibility. If a student has no additional offenses during the probationary period, any offense under this code after the probationary period shall be considered a first offense.

Section D. Students Covered

This code shall apply to grades 9 through 12 of the Maryville R-II High School.

Section E. Other Applicable Rules

A student may request that the principal review disciplinary action that was administered. The request of an appointment with the student's principal must be initiated in writing within twenty school days of the administration of disciplinary action. In some cases, further review by the superintendent of schools may be requested by following the same procedure as stated in the previous sentence. Students incurring an Item I violation are limited to a review by the principal. Violations of Item II offenses could proceed to the superintendent if appropriately requested by the parent. Review by the Board of Education may be provided where such review is deemed appropriate by the superintendent.

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Student Eligibility Standards

This sheet must be signed by the parties indicated and returned to the activity director to be kept in the main office. This form must be signed and on file before a student will be allowed to participate.

I have read the Code of Eligibility and I understand and agree to abide to all the provisions of the Code of Eligibility as revised by the Board of Education on March 16, 2011. I understand that MSHSAA regulations require each student to notify the school of any situations that would affect his/her eligibility.

Printed Student's Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in activities at Maryville High School and I acknowledge receipt of and have studied and understand the Student Eligibility Standards for participation in activities at Maryville R-II High School.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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Authorization to Consent to Treatment

This sheet must be signed by the parties indicated and returned to the activity director to be kept in the main office. This form must be signed and on file before a student will be allowed to participate.

There is a possibility of serious injury in activities, especially in any contact sport. The undersigned understand the risk of potentially serious injury and assume that risk as a part of participation in sports. **I hereby authorize the representative of Maryville R-II School District consent for medical treatment for _____** my child, if we, the parents or legal guardians, are not available at the time of an injury or illness.

Please provide the following information if you plan to participate in an activity that requires a physical. Please print medical history.

Allergies

Student's Signature & Date

Date of Last Tetanus

Parent's Signature & Date

Local Physician

Insurance Company Name

Insurance Policy Number

List any chronic or existing disease or medical problem: