

**Gallatin R-V School District
High School and Middle School Athlete/Extra-Curricular Handbook
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Athletic/Extra Curricular Philosophy

The Gallatin R-V School District is committed to the belief that interscholastic activities shall supplement the secondary curricular program, and as such become a vital part of a student's total educational experience. Student participation in any part of our athletics is a privilege which carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the student body, to the community, and to the student himself. This participation will help to develop the student physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally. This covers the following extracurricular activities FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, Band, Art Club, Academic Team, Student Council. Each of these organizations may expand and supplement this handbook with policies and procedures that are specific to their organization.

Physicals and Parental Consent Forms

All athletes **MUST** turn a completed physical and parental consent form into the coach **BEFORE** participation in any athletic activity. The original will be kept in the Athletic Director's office while the coach will keep a copy. A student athlete shall not be permitted to practice or compete in a school sponsored activity until verification of basic athletic insurance coverage has been provided.

All students involved in an extra-curricular activity must have turned in a completed parental consent form to the office or the advisor/sponsor before participation in an extra-curricular activity. While on any sponsored activity or field trip the advisor/sponsor reserves the right to search any and/or all personal belongings that accompanies the student on that activity. If the student is disciplined by the advisor/sponsor while on the school sponsored activity, the advisor/sponsor has the right has the right to request that a parent/guardian provide transportation home from that activity.

Competitive Participation

Interscholastic participation in the activities sanctioned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association for the Gallatin school district is competitive. Participation is open to everyone but the amount of participation is by no means guaranteed to be equal. Evaluation procedures, by coaches, will determine how much an individual gets to participate.

ACTIVITIES RULES

When Missouri State Activity Association has jurisdiction over a particular activity, its rules will apply as an addition to the school policy.

All activities, practices, group meetings, etc. must be cleared by the high school principal before they are official. A master calendar is maintained in the Activities Director's office. Organization sponsors are responsible for officers clearing activities correctly. All major activities should be scheduled before October 1. This includes banquets, prom, plays, concert, etc.

A faculty member must accompany student organizations practicing or working in the building after school hours. Groups practicing, working, or meeting must clear the building before 10:00 p.m.

If two or more activities conflict on the same date and the same students are involved in both—students may make a choice and receive no penalty in either area. This includes college entrance exams for seniors. State and District level activities will take precedence over other school activities and local events in determining where students will represent the school.

Academic Eligibility

The Gallatin R-V School District believes that the student's top priority is to take care of all classroom obligations and maintain satisfactory grades.

For the purposes of this policy the grade point average is figured using only the classes associated with the district GPA guidelines.

Grades from the previous quarter will be used to determine eligibility. Students must receive a C (2.0) average each quarter to maintain eligibility. Mid-term grades will be checked only on those students who have been ineligible based on previous quarter's grades.

Ineligible students will not be eligible to participate during the ineligibility period other than to practice or attend meetings that might keep them up with what is going on in the organization.

Special education students are given grades according to their IEP's, thus their GPA is figured within their capabilities.

Students who have not maintained the C (2.0) GPA will have their grades checked at each mid-term in order to determine eligibility. Students in this category whose grades are at or above a 2.0 average at the mid-term will be considered eligible at this time.

Student athletes must also meet the MSHSAA academic requirements (section 213.0 in the MSHSAA Official Handbook). Students in grades 9-12 must earn a minimum of 3.0 units of credits the previous *semester* and be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer a minimum of 3.0 units of credit to compete in interscholastic activities. Students in grades 7-8 must not fail more than 1 class the previous *quarter* in order to be eligible.

Attendance Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in an activity, a student must be present five full class periods during the school day of the contest, practice or meeting. Extenuating circumstances will be handled by the building school principal.

Athletes are expected to attend all practices and meetings. Failure to attend could result in dismissal from the team. Each coach will develop his/her attendance requirements.

How To Maintain & Protect Your Eligibility

After entering a member school, you will become ineligible in the sport concerned if you receive cash for participating in an athletic contest. This restriction applies to all sports in which MSHSAA member schools conduct interscholastic programs. (Note: Merchandise shall not exceed \$250 suggested retail price)

You may accept awards which are symbolic in nature, such as medals, ribbons, trophies, plaques, etc. for participating in a school athletic program.

You may accept awards, which are merchandise, and such award shall not exceed \$250 in the suggested manufacturer's retail price.

Awards as described above presented by a person or group other than your school must be approved in advance by Athletic Director and the suggested manufacturer's retail price of a merchandise award shall not exceed \$250.

You may accept awards for participating in non-school sponsored athletic competition ONLY if the awards are symbolic in nature or the merchandise item does not exceed \$250 in suggested retail value.

Citizenship Guidelines and Consequences

Students who represent a school in MS/HS interscholastic activities must be creditable citizens and judged so by the proper school authority certifying 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 "creditable citizens". Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

A student shall not be considered eligible while serving an out-of-school suspension. The student who is expelled or who withdraws from school because of disciplinary measures shall not be considered eligible for 365 days from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.

Tobacco

First Offense: Possession: (8 days) one calendar week restriction from participation in any of the MS/HS sports/extra-curricular activities governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Use: two calendar weeks (15 days) restriction from participation in any of the MS/HS sports/extra-curricular activities governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association. These suspensions shall be imposed during the interscholastic season, which shall begin with the first contest and end with the final contest of that season. At the discretion of the coach/sponsor, the student may continue to practice unless serving an out-of-school suspension. This penalty may transfer to the following sports season in the event the offense happens at or near the end of the previous sports season.

Second Offense: Possession: (15 days) one calendar week restriction from participation in any of the MS/HS sports/extra-curricular activities governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Use: (45 days) restriction from participation in any of the MS/HS sports/extra-curricular activities governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association. These suspensions shall be imposed during the interscholastic season, as described under the first offense. At the discretion of the coach/sponsor, the student may continue to practice unless serving an out-of-school suspension. This penalty may transfer to the following sports season in the event the offense happens at or near the end of the previous sports season.

Third Offense: Possession/Use- Loss of all practice and competitive privileges for one year (365 days). This period may extend into the next school year.

Alcohol & Drug Policy

Once it has been determined that either by admission, relevant evidence, or court conviction a student has possessed or illegally used alcohol or other controlled substances the following disciplinary actions will occur:

First Offense: (30 days) restriction from participation in any of the MS/HS sports/extra-curricular activities governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association. This suspension shall be imposed during the interscholastic season, which shall begin with the first contest and end with the final contest of that season. At the discretion of the coach/sponsor, the student may continue to practice unless serving an out-of-school suspension. This penalty may transfer to the following sports season in the event the offense happens at or near the end of the previous sports season.

Second Offense: (90 days) restriction from participation in any of the MS/HS sports/extra-curricular activities governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association. This suspension shall be imposed during the interscholastic season, as described under the first offense. At the discretion of the coach/sponsor, the student may continue to practice unless serving an out-of-school suspension. This penalty may transfer to the following sports season in the event the offense happens at or near the end of the previous sports season.

Third Offense: Loss of all practice and competitive privileges for one year (365 days). This period may extend into the next school year.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

When a player is assessed a penalty by a game official for unsportsmanlike conduct, the player shall be removed for the remainder of that game and shall be suspended from participation in the next game at that level. In the case of extenuating circumstances, the penalty may be reviewed by the Coach, Athletic Director, and Administration.

Lettering Requirement

The lettering requirement for each sport/activity shall be determined by the coach/sponsor. Participants will be informed of these requirements by the coach/sponsor.

Transportation To and From School Activities

When transportation is provided to school sponsored activities, students who participate in these activities will be expected to travel in the school-provided transportation to and from the event. Only the following exceptions will be considered.

Students may travel home with parents only if parents come to the sponsor/advisor or the coach involved. This must be with the approval of the sponsor/advisor or coach.

Parents may want their child to ride with someone else. In this case, the parents must do the following: (1) personally inform the coach or sponsor with whom the student will ride. If the parent is not present they may make previous a request in writing in the high schools principal's office. The written request must state who will be transporting the student. (2) The person designated by the parent must come in person to the sponsor of the activity and pick up the student.

No students will be released from a school activity to another person under the age of 25 years. In case of an emergency, or circumstances beyond the control of the parents or student, a student may be released with a member of the immediate family. The school official supervising the activity will make this decision.

Coaches of athletic teams reserve the right to refuse a player's request to return home with anyone other than the team unless an emergency situation arises or a special problem exists.

No student will be permitted to use his or her own vehicle for activity transportation unless prior arrangements have been made with the appropriate school officials.

Violations of any of the above will result in temporary suspension from the activity in which the violation occurred.



Student Handbook

This handbook serves as a supplement to the student handbook. Students are subject to the policies of the student handbook in addition to those outlines in this handbook.

MSHSAA

Other guidelines for interscholastic activities and participation can be found in the MSHSAA Official Handbook



We have read and understand the Gallatin R-V School District's guidelines for extra-curricular activities and athletic participation. We have also reviewed the Concussion Fact Sheet. Please sign.

Student Participant _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Return this form to the appropriate sponsor/coach