

**MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOOD CONDUCT ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT ACTIVITY PROGRAMS**

GOOD CONDUCT CODE

Participation in school activities is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and abilities in the students during their school years and for their lifetimes.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school district throughout the calendar year, whether away from school or at school. Students who wish to have the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral or unhealthy. Students who participate in extra curricular activities shall commit themselves to meet the standards of this policy.

Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures.

I. STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

It is a privilege and an honor to participate in the full range of student activities at Mid-Prairie Community School Districts. These activities and participation in them adds a great deal to each student's education by promoting good citizenship and moral character, developing the discipline and skills necessary to personal success and well being, and promoting the image and identity of the school and community. Students who chose to participate in the Student Activity Program will conduct themselves appropriately at all times both on school grounds and away from the school. The responsibility of good conduct is an extension of the responsibility to represent the school and community in appropriate manner.

II. STUDENT AGREEMENT

Before participation in any activity is permitted, all students who wish to participate in the Student Activity Program shall receive a copy of these rules and regulations and shall indicate their concurrence with them and their agreement to abide by them by signing a document indicating such an agreement. A parent or guardian will also be required to sign indicating their review and understanding of the Mid-Prairie Community School District District Good Conduct Code.

The Activities Director shall keep records of violations of the good conduct rule.

A. CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS- ALL ACTIVITIES

- 1) No student shall have in their possession or have used a controlled substance (tobacco in any form, any alcoholic beverages, or drugs).
- 2) No student shall steal, destroy, and/or deface any school property.
- 3) No student shall be convicted of a felony, aggravated misdemeanor, or serious misdemeanor.
- 4) If the student is observed violating one of the above by faculty, administrators, or law enforcement personnel, admits to violating any of the above, or upon thorough investigation by school personnel which determines the student committed the violation, he/she will be declared ineligible as described in Part C of these rules.
- 5) These are minimum requirements. Any further rules specified by an activity sponsor must be followed.

B. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Any student who wishes to participate in any extra curricular activity must be in school attendance by noon of the day for that activity. If there are unusual circumstances, such as a funeral, the Principal and/or Athletic Director may waive the half-day requirement. This approval must be granted before the student leaves school. *Students taking a full discretionary day are not eligible to participate in a contest or performance that day/evening.*

C. LENGTH OF INELIGIBILITY FOR NON-ACADEMIC VIOLATIONS

To determine the length of the ineligibility period(s) all extracurricular activities will be divided up into Athletics and Performing Arts & Leadership.

Current activities include:

Athletics: Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, Golf, Soccer, Baseball, & Softball

Performing Arts & Leadership: Dance, Cheer, Fine Arts Ensembles, Plays/Musicals, *NHS, *FFA, *FCCLA, Science Club.

*Affiliation with state or national organizations may require stricter eligibility requirements.

Any stricter requirements will require communication between sponsors and participants prior to any violation. Communication will be verified through student and parent signatures. The length of the ineligibility periods will be assigned as described below.

Athletics

1. First Offense – 1/3 of the season's competitions
2. Second Offense – 2/3 of the season's competitions
3. Third Offense - One year, twelve (12) calendar months, of ineligibility shall be imposed from the date of the last offense.

Performing Arts & Leadership

1. First Offense – 60 calendar days
2. Second Offense – 180 calendar days
3. Third Offense – One year, twelve (12) calendar months

Anytime there are three or more offenses within a year, twelve (12) calendar months, the last offense shall be considered a third offense making the student ineligible for one year, twelve (12) calendar months from the date of that offense, whether or not the student is out for an activity.

Weeks of ineligibility are weeks when there are performances or contests in the extra curricular activity that the student is participating in. Weeks of ineligibility will carry over from one extra curricular activity to the next until all weeks of ineligibility have been served.

In order for an ineligibility period of time to be considered officially served, the ineligible student must start and complete the entire performing activity "season" in good faith as determined by the sponsor/coach of said activity.

D. VIOLATIONS HAVE OCCURRED WHEN:

For an offense to be considered a first offense it must have happened after initial involvement in any extra curricular activity that could start as early as the beginning of ninth grade. It will be counted as an offense even if the student is not currently out for an activity.

For an offense to be a second offense it must be the second offense to have happened within twelve (12) calendar months. It will be counted as a second offense even if the student is not currently out for an activity.

For an offense to be considered a third offense it must be the third offense to have happened within twelve (12) calendar months. It will be counted as a third offense even if the student is not currently out for an activity.

E. DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

Due Process procedures shall be followed in the handling of each case. Essentially the procedure will be the following:

1. The principal shall handle the hearing. He/she may include the activity director, coach(es), teacher or other administrator as he/she chooses to hear the case.
2. Prior to the hearing to determine whether a violation has occurred, the student will be furnished with a written or oral statement from the high school principal of the alleged misconduct sufficient to prepare a defense to the charge, setting out the student's violations of the academic or conduct requirements set out herein.
3. If the student denies the charge, the principal shall explain the evidence and give the student an opportunity to tell his/her side of the story.
4. The high school principal shall then determine whether the student should be declared ineligible. If the student is declared ineligible said ineligibility shall commence immediately.
5. If the student(s) is not satisfied with the decision arrived at above, he/she will, at his/her request, be granted an informal hearing before the Board of Education.
6. If the student is not satisfied with the school board's decision, he or she may appeal within thirty (30) days to the Department of Education.

However, the ineligibility period will begin with the school board's decision and will not be delayed pending the State Board's decision.

MID-PRAIRIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT ACTIVITY PROGRAM

I, _____ have received from the Mid-Prairie Middle School/High School a copy of the Student Handbook for 2023-2024 I have read and understand the Good Conduct Code and the requirements for academic eligibility.

I agree to abide by the Good Conduct Code as a requirement for my participation in extracurricular activities at Mid-Prairie Middle School/ High School.

Student printed name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____