

# MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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## **ATHLETIC CODE CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT/TRAINING RULES**

This activities code is designed to establish a reasonable, high standard for participation in co-curricular activities which empowers our participants to make appropriate decisions, rather than to be punitive and deny access to such activities. Co-curricular activities are a privilege and completely voluntary. Along with this privilege comes the expectation of a high standard of behavior and conduct. Participants in these activities are considered to be in positions of leadership, representing themselves, their families, the team, the school, district and community.

As a condition of participation in co-curricular activities, participants will agree in writing to abide by all of the rules set forth below for the entire school year during which they wish to participate. Parents/guardians and or legal custodians shall indicate in writing that they have received a copy of the rules, understand, accept and will make every effort to assist all participants in upholding the rules set below.

All members of the community, including students, parents, staff and community members should be alert and aware of the behavior of participants, and should follow up on concerns brought to their attention by reporting to district personnel. District personnel should, in turn, report alleged violations to the building administrator for investigation.

## **REGISTRATION FOR CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION**

The following are necessary for Athletic Participation:

1. Be a Student at Maplewood Middle School
2. Pay the co-curricular fee (if applicable). Fees can be paid in the Parent Portal Infinite Campus.
3. Submit a current physical exam (green). This Physical is good for 2 years
4. Submit the Maplewood Athletic and Activity Information Card (yellow). This form includes Alternate Year physical Information, Emergency Contact Information, Adequate Insurance Signature, Concussion and Code of Conduct Signatures and Authorizations for Disclosure of Health Information.

**All of the above must be submitted to the Maplewood Main Office (Mrs. Aykens) PRIOR to any participation in practices, meets, games or competitions.**

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

Students involved in any co-curricular activity are expected to keep up to date on all class assignments. Missing assignments will be monitored on a weekly basis. Students with missing assignments deemed excessive by administration will be subject to the following:

- Phone call home to parent/guardian to make them aware of the situation and set up a plan of correction.
- Administrative decision to suspend athlete's participation until such time deemed necessary to meet academic eligibility.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Students involved in extracurricular activities must be present in school for the entire day in order to participate in a school activity that afternoon or evening. Only prearranged, pre approved absences will be considered as exceptions. Exceptions may only be granted by the principal or assistant principal.

## **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

### ***Section A***

1. Use, possession, attempt to possess, sell or deliver illegal substances, non-prescribed drugs, chemicals, and drug paraphernalia. This includes uncontrolled substances such as look-alike drugs.
2. Use, possession or purchase of alcoholic beverages.
3. Use, possession or purchase of tobacco products in any form.
4. Insubordination while involved in athletic activities.
5. A criminal offence or a violation of a city ordinance having a statutory counterpart.
6. Acts of vandalism.
7. Presence anywhere that alcohol is being served without the student's parents being present. This does not include social gatherings, such as weddings.
8. Being in the presence of illegal drugs.
9. Truancy. The day a student is found truant from a class, he/she will be ineligible to practice, perform, participate or compete in activity/event.

A student who is released from incarceration (under the Huber Law or electronic monitoring program or any other program that releases a student from incarceration to attend school) may not participate in students activities which are subject to regulation under the Co-Curricular Activity Code without consent of the building administrator.

### **Section B**

If a student is suspended out of/or in school, or is ejected from an athletic program/event they will be ineligible for the next activity/program/event.

## **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES INFRACTIONS**

All infractions of Prohibited Activities will be dealt with by the Administration on an individual basis.

### **GENERAL CONDUCT**

Students in the co-curricular program are expected to adhere to the highest standards of social behavior, sportsmanship and show proper respect for authority at all times. Examples of violations of this rule include:

- Attendance at a party where tobacco/alcohol/illegal drugs/controlled substances are used illegally
- Repeated disrespect to a teach, coach, other students or school employees
- Harassment of others
- Unexcused absence from a class/study group
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Repeated refusal to follow school rules
- Truancy. The day a student is found truant from a class, he/she will be ineligible to practice, perform, participate or compete in any activities.

### **GENERAL CONDUCT INFORMATION**

Penalty: The Principal and the Associate Principal have the discretion in interpreting these rules and assigning the appropriate penalty. Penalties will usually include suspensions from participation, detentions, apologies and an in-school counseling session with his/her school counselor.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION - PROCEDURAL PROCESS**

If you or your parents/guardians believe that a disciplinary action taken against you by your coach/advisor has been unfairly applied, you may attempt to resolve the situation by arranging for a meeting with the Activities Coordinator and the Council of Review. This hearing is an important student/parent option because the provisions of this code apply year around and disciplinary and/or academic penalties may potentially carry over into the summer as well as into the next school year.

### **INJURY**

You must report injuries to your coach/advisor so that proper treatment can be obtained.

### **INSURANCE**

The Menasha Public School district does not sponsor an insurance plan. If your family does not have insurance coverage for you, it is strongly urged that insurance coverage be acquired. The School District makes available an insurance plan through a local agency at registration time. If your family does have adequate insurance, an Insurance Waiver Form must be on file in the Activities Office.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

All participants in an activity scheduled away from the school must travel to the event and return home from the event under school approved supervision. In case of unusual circumstances a parent/guardian must sign a Travel Release Form (available in the Main office) in order to transport their child to or from the event and notify the Maplewood Main Office the day before the event so a copy can be given or forwarded to the coach/advisor prior to the event.

**Any issues not specifically addressed in the Maplewood Middle School Athletic Code of Conduct will be enforced using the Menasha High School Athletic Code of Conduct.**