

STUDENT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.

An athlete, who does not attend school during periods 5, 6, 7, and 8, of the school day due to illness, injury, oversleeping, etc., may not participate in practice session that day. If there is a day or night game, he/she may not dress or participate in the event.

An athlete must be present for periods 1, 2, 3, & 4 the day after a game. Absences in this time span will make the student ineligible for participation in practice that day and the next game. If he/she is unable to come to school due to illness, etc.; he/she should not be fit to be present at practice or attend game. If an athlete is injured in a practice session or game and it is necessary for him/her to see a doctor, the next day, morning or afternoon, he/she should not take part in the session unless they present a doctor's note. This note must be turned into the head coach. If the athlete misses school on Friday, he/she cannot play in a contest on Saturday.

Any student athlete having an unexcused absence on a given day may not be eligible to participate in a contest until he/she has attended a full day of classes without an unexcused absence before eligibility is reinstated. This is a MSHAA rule.

INSURANCE

It is required that all students be protected by insurance. It is school requirement that the student must have purchased this protection or be covered by equivalent insurance before he/she may participate in any interscholastic athletics.

Head coaches are responsible to see that students are covered by insurance before an athlete is allowed to practice or play in their program. **PARENTS MUST SIGN PARENT RELEASE FORM.**

SANCTIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Student must be a good school citizen to be permitted to participate in interscholastic sports/activities.
2. Coaches/sponsors have the authority to suspend a participant from his group on the spot if the occasion warrants.
3. First infractions of a minor nature continued minor infractions and major infractions should be punishable in a fair but stern manner commensurate with the seriousness of the infraction. Suggested punishments include warnings, conference and a review of the training rules, loss of assigned responsibilities, probationary status, or ineligibility for one or more contests.
4. A student may be declared ineligible in any interscholastic activity in which he/she represents the school in a public appearance if he/she:
 - A. Has been found delinquent by the courts or has been put on probation by the courts.

- B.** Conducts himself/herself in a manner that, in the opinion of the school authorities, would reflect unfavorably upon other students.
5. MSHSAA dictates the ineligibility of any student who does not comply with the established regulations.
 6. Incidents by students, which occur outside of school such as fighting or other actions, which may cause the student to be placed in the hands of the civil authorities, should generally be punished by the civil authorities. However, if a student's presence might adversely affect morale, disrupt the orderly operation of the school's activities, or interfere with the discipline and government of other students, the school authorities shall take action.

APPLYING THE SANCTIONS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. A student's failure to adhere to the training rules and standards amounts to self-disqualification.
2. The professional staff, of necessity, has the right of judgment in matters of enforcing the rules and must apply penalties impartially.

SCHUYLER COUNTY SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

This policy is handed down from the Missouri State High School Athletic Association and will be strictly followed by our athletic teams this year.

OFFENSE

CLASS A - An ejection or disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct, or a Special Report to the MSHSAA involving abusive language towards an official or deliberately striking an opponent.

PENALTY:

FIRST OFFENSE - Minimum 1 Game Suspension

(Football will be pro-rated) – If a player is ejected or disqualified in the 1st half the player will serve suspension in the second half. If a player is ejected or disqualified in the 2nd half the player will serve suspension the 1st half of the next game.

1. The athlete will not be allowed to compete in the remainder of the athletic contest and the next contest for which they would otherwise be eligible.
2. Appropriate additional punishment will be decided on by the head coach according to team rules with a written report submitted to the A. D.

SECOND OFFENSE - Minimum of 2 Game Suspensions

(Football will be pro-rated) – If a player is ejected or disqualified in the 1st half the player will serve suspension in the second half and the first half of next game. If a player is ejected or disqualified in the 2nd half, the player will serve suspension the next game.

1. Athlete will be suspended from the remainder of the athletic contest and the next 2 athletic contests for which he/she would be otherwise eligible.

2. Possible further punishment decided on by the coach after consideration of circumstances.

THIRD OFFENSE - REVIEW BOARD

OFFENSE:

Class B: - Unsportsmanlike conduct reported or penalized by game official;

1. Unsportsmanlike penalty
2. Special report to MSHSAA by game official

PENALTY

FIRST OFFENSE

1. Athlete will be removed from remainder of game, but may return per coach decision.
2. Appropriate additional punishment decided by coach in accordance to team rules, with written report to the A.D.

SECOND OFFENSE - Athlete will be removed from remainder of game. Possible further punishment decided on by coach after consideration of circumstances.

THIRD OFFENSE - * Review Board

***REVIEW BOARD - PRINCIPAL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, COACH.**

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, & DRUG POLICY:

Starting with the 1994-95 school year any member of a Schuyler R-1 athletic team who is caught using or in possession of tobacco, alcohol or drugs by the authorities (law officials, coaches, teachers, and administrators) will receive the following:

FIRST OFFENSE - 2 game suspensions. Concerning priority sports tobacco, drug, and alcohol policy. The athlete will be suspended from participation for the next two calendar dates of scheduled athletic contests. One of which must be his or her priority sport.

SECOND OFFENSE - A second offense occurring with one year of the first offense carries 365 consecutive day suspensions from ALL sports starting with the date of the suspension.

In addition, any athlete caught in violation of the law, and school officials have first hand knowledge or an admission of involvement to a school official, the student athlete shall not be considered eligible until all matters are concluded within the legal system as well as the school.

***AUTHORITIES - LAW OFFICIALS, COACHES, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS**

PRESS RELATIONS

1. Use good judgment in talking with reporters; remember them too, have a job to perform. Your comments will be "news". If you can't say anything good about your opponents or officials, don't say anything.
2. No derogatory comments should ever be made about personnel, officials, or opponents.

GENERAL RULES FOR COACHES

Students wishing to participate in more than one sport must declare priority/secondary choices. Each student must meet the eligibility requirements (conditioning practices) of each sport before they can participate in each specific sport. The student must receive permission from the priority sport coach to participate in any practice or meet of the secondary sport. (Board adopted policy on July 17, 1997)

1. If a player has broken a training rule, or is being punished for misconduct, and is required to sit out a game, be sure they understand they are to be at the game even though they are suspended from playing. They are to ride the bus to the game, and will be required to sit on the team bench in their street clothes.
2. In regular season or district tournament play, where the girl's team is playing on one night and boys on another, the boys may attend the girl's game as long as the game is played early enough that they will get home well before curfew. Obviously the same rule will apply to the girls who are waiting to attend a boy's game. If a coach, administrator, or school official observes this, it will be reported to the head coach of that team, and proper discipline will be taken according to the training rules for breaking curfew. Be sure players are fully aware of this.

ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Participation in School Sponsored Activities

In addition to the eligibility rules and regulations established by the MSHSAA, The Schuyler R-1 Board of Education has established the following:

In order for students to be eligible to participate in all extra-curricular activities, the student must have passed all classes as detailed below. Eligibility shall be determined eight times per school year, on the 22nd day of each quarter and at the end of each quarter.

Students with a failing grade may remain eligible on a probationary status if they obtain and actively participate in an approved tutoring program for the subject(s), in which they are receiving failing grade(s). Tutoring programs shall be approved by the Administration.

Students who receive a failing grade two consecutive grading periods will be ineligible until the next grading period, if they are passing all classes.

Any student who has a failing grade as of Friday grade checks cannot leave before 2:45 the following week to attend a school sponsored activity.

IEP students who are mainstreamed will follow Option Two of the MSHSAA handbook: “The second option is for the IEP Committee to determine that a modification of the academic requirements or grading policies is necessary to reflect the needs of the Handicapped student. In this situation, the modifications may include alterations in the type of assessments to be given to the student, the number of such assessments given a student, the amount of time the student will be allowed to take the assessment, etc. The IEP Committee may also determine that grades will be determined on the basis of the student’s progress towards achieving specific goals and objectives from the IEP rather than standard assessments given other students. If this type of modification is made, the IEP Committee is responsible to specify the amount of progress which will be necessary to document that standard progress is being made by the student.”

Activities and Athletics

Participation in extra curricular activities is encouraged. This policy covers those groups, organizations, and activities, which do not receive academic credit. Such participation is an additional form of education and individual growth and development opportunity for the individual student.

While extra-curricular activities do offer educational experiences, they are a privilege. As such, extra-curricular activities may be withheld from any student as a condition of discipline. Furthermore, all policies, which apply to the regular school day, apply also to extra-curricular activities. In addition, coaches and sponsors may establish policies for their groups in addition to those stated herein.

MSHSAA requires high school student grades 9-12 to be enrolled 8 periods and pass at least 7 periods the previous semester to be eligible to participate the following semester in extracurricular activities. For middle school students this is applied in quarters not semester.

In regards to attendance, a student must be in attendance for at least 4 of the 8 periods on days of extra-curricular participation. Prior to participating in an extra-curricular activity on the weekend, a student must meet attendance requirements on the last day that school was in session for the week. Exceptions may be granted in special cases.

The following schedule for determination of eligibility and imposition of suspension will be implemented.

If activity is a MSHSAA event, students must meet all eligibility requirements set forth by MSHSAA.

Any student failing a class may be required to attend study sessions after school.

Any student receiving an incomplete grade because of failure to promptly complete work will be placed on the ineligibility list. Incomplete grades resulting from illness or other special circumstances during the last week or two a grade period may be exempted.

Students displaying unacceptable citizenship behaviors may be suspended from participation in extra-curricular activities.

Each coach or sponsor shall establish written guidelines for their groups. These guidelines shall be presented orally and in written format. A copy of such guidelines shall be on file with the Athletic Director.

No student will take part in any school activity if absent from school the day of the activity unless prior arrangements have been made with the administration. Also, students serving in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension will not be allowed to participate in school activities.

PHYSICAL EXAM

A physical exam form is required by MSHSAA before a student can practice for a sport. The form for this exam is available from the Athletic Director or local doctor's office. It is suggested that coaches' give out forms well in advance of their season and require return of the form on or before the first day of practice. DO NOT practice a student without a physical exam form in your file. Only one physical is required per year and must be dated on or after February of previous school year.

ELIGIBILITY

Statement of Philosophy – Participation in high school activities is a valuable educational experience and should not be looked upon as a reward for academic success. Students with low academic ability need the educational development provided through participation in activities as much as students with average or above average ability. Activity participation should be for all students making appropriate progress toward graduation and otherwise in good standing.

Grades 9-12 Requirements: A student in Grades 9-12 must meet the following requirements in order to be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic activities: (213.0)

A. Semester Prior to Participation: The student shall have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater, or a student must have made standard progress for his or her level the preceding semester in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.

B. Semester of Participation: The student shall currently be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater; or a student must be enrolled in a full course at his or her level in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.

C. Credit: The calculation of the credit requirement described in a-1 and a-2 above for all enrolled students at the school shall be based on the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled at the member school during the normal school day due to the academic system that the member school has selected (7-hour day, block schedule, etc.) Credits earned in school-sponsored —extra|| classes taken beyond the normal school day may be used toward academic eligibility. Internet classes offered by and at the member school and which are completed no later than the close of the semester with credit placed on the student’s transcript can be counted toward academic eligibility. [See also By-Law 2.3.4 (213.0-a-6(c)) regarding correspondence courses.]

D. Entry into 9th Grade: A beginning 9th grade student shall have been promoted from the 8th grade to the 9th grade for first semester eligibility.

E. A student must be making satisfactory progress towards graduation as determined by local school policies.

Grades 7 and 8 Requirements: A 7th or 8th grade student must meet the following requirements in order to be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic activities: (213.0-c)

A. Grading Period: A —grading period is a period no less than six weeks and no greater than nine weeks where progress is determined and is reported to students/parents. A student must have been promoted to a higher grade or a higher level in special education at the close of the previous year. However, any such student who failed more than one scheduled subject, or failed to make standard progress in special education, shall be ineligible the following grading period regardless of promotion to the higher grade. (However, see also item c below).

B. Semester of Participation: The student shall be currently enrolled in and regularly attending the normal course for that grade or must have enrolled in a full course at his or her level in any public school special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though ungraded, enrolls pupils of equivalent chronological age.

C. Entry into 7th or 9th Grade: This section shall not apply to students promoted for the first time into the 7th or into the 9th grade prior to the first day of classes.

Schuyler R-1 School District Activity Trip Transportation Policy

On all extracurricular activities for the Schuyler R-1 Schools, the following rules will apply. These rules refer to one-day trips. Additional rules are made for two or more day school sponsored trips.

1. All students will be transported to the activity by school transportation. The transportation bus will load only at the Schuyler R-1 High School or the Elementary/Middle School. Exceptions to this policy will be made only by prearrangement with the principals.

2. During basketball season, students are encouraged to show support for each team. Therefore, the students should remain for both the girls' and boys' games unless the games are not consecutive. If the girls' and boys' basketball games are separated by a third game, the students who play in the first game will be allowed to leave after the first game.
 - A. Students will either ride the bus back to Schuyler R-1 Schools or drop off points or they may ride with their parents or legal guardians home under the following conditions.
 - B. The parents or legal guardian is present at the game and signs a legal release form. Only the parent or legal guardian may take a student home, unless a release form has been previously signed which allows another adult to do so.
 - C. Parents or legal guardians may sign a legal release from and take the student home from the designated drop off points. The designated drop off points will be The Corner Grocery in Downing, Derby market on High 136, Casey's in Lancaster, Western's Smokehouse in Greentop and any restaurant in Kirksville or another town where the team stop to eat.

CONSEQUENCES OF POLICY VIOLATION:

FIRST OFFENSE: On first violation of this policy, the student will be required to ride the bus both going to and coming from all games.

SECOND OFFENSE: On second violation of this policy, the student's behavior will mean they are choosing to remove themselves from the team for the remainder of the season.

***Proof of legal guardianship of a student will be required in cases where the legal guardian is not the natural parent or in cases of divorced parents where physical and legal custody may determine who can legally sign the release form.

**ADOPTED BY SCHUYLER R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
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