



PATTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CODE FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

___ **2017-2018**

___ **2018-2019**

Interscholastic activities are offered at Pattonville High School as an integral part of the curriculum. Interscholastic activities are governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association, the St. Louis Suburban High School Athletic Conference, and the rules and regulations of the Pattonville School District. The Official Handbook of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) states:

“To be eligible to participate in school athletics/activities is a privilege-not an inherent right. This particular privilege is granted if you meet the eligibility standards as set forth by the MSHSAA. According to the MSHSAA eligibility standards, students/athletes must be good citizens in their school and community. More specifically, any student who represents his/her school in interscholastic activities must be a creditable citizen and be judged so by the proper school authority. A student whose character or conduct is such to reflect discredit upon himself/herself or his/her school is not considered a creditable citizen. His/her conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.”

Coaches may set their own standards for behavior and citizenship above and beyond the MSHSAA Guidelines.

The privilege of being on a team or in an organization carries with it the responsibility of good citizenship, abiding by rules and regulations, and meeting the following responsibilities:

ATHLETES, CHEERLEADERS and DRILL TEAM

1. The school shall require of each student participating in athletics, cheerleading, and drill team a certificate of an issued physical signed and authorized by a physician, advanced nurse practitioner in written collaborative practice with a physician, or a certified physician's assistant in collaboration with a sponsoring physician stating that the individual is physically able to participate in athletic practices and contests of his/her school. A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until a complete, signed certificate is on file at the school. The medical certificate is valid for the purpose of this rule if issued on or after February 1 of the previous school year.
2. You must have a signed parent permission form on file.
3. You must submit evidence of medical insurance that covers the student in case of injury.
4. You must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit with a minimum grade point average of 1.500.
5. Currently, you must be enrolled in, and regularly attending, courses that offer 3.0 units of credit.
6. You must have all non-school competition approved by your coach/sponsor or activities director.
7. You must abide by training regulations of the Activities Department:
Students caught possessing or using tobacco (smokeless included), drugs or alcohol will be suspended from the team/organization for sixty (60) school days. If the student has an assessment and becomes involved in rehabilitation counseling the penalty will be reduced to thirty (30) school days. The student cannot be involved on a team/organization until his/her suspension is served. A school day is defined as an actual calendar day of school. However, any official practice days allowed by MSHSAA and used by respective teams will count as days of a suspension if applicable. A second offense results in suspension from the team/organization for 365 days.

THE FOLLOWING WILL OCCUR FOR SUSPENSIONS NOT INVOLVING TOBACCO USE, ALCOHOL OR DRUGS (8, 9,10,11):

8. A student suspended from a fall sport would not be eligible to participate in any athletic program until the fall sport is completed.
9. A student suspended from a winter sport the first semester would not be eligible until the sport season ends in the second semester.
10. A student suspended from a winter sport the second semester would not be eligible to participate until the winter sport is completed.
11. A student suspended from a spring sport would not be eligible to participate until the fall semester the following year.
12. Students should maintain good citizenship in school, out of school, and on the team. Any student involved in inappropriate behavior in the community will be required to attend a hearing conducted with the student, his/her parents, the assistant principal for activities, the principal, and the coach or sponsor at which time the question of eligibility will be determined. Any student arrested by a law enforcement agency is subject to losing eligibility for all high school athletics and activities.
13. Any in school or out of school suspension will prevent students from participating in practice or games during suspension. If excessive, the student will be removed from the team.
14. Detentions, practice tardies and practice absences will be handled by the coach/sponsor through discussion and a penalty. If this becomes excessive, the student could be removed from the team.
15. **Any student athlete assigned to ISS during their sport season may not attend practice or play in any contest until the next calendar day following the conclusion of their ISS assignment.**

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN ATHLETICS, CHEERLEADING, AND DRILL TEAM

1. You must have a signed parent permission form on file.
2. You must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit with a minimum grade point average of 1.500.
3. Currently, you must be enrolled in, and regularly attending, courses that offer 3.0 units of credit .
4. Students should maintain good citizenship in school, out of school, and on the team. Any student involved in inappropriate behavior in the community, will be required to attend a hearing conducted with the student, his/her parents, the assistant principal for activities, the principal, and the coach or sponsor at which time the question of eligibility will be determined. Any student arrested by a law enforcement agency is subject to losing eligibility for all high school athletics and activities.
5. Any in-school or out-of-school suspension will prevent students from participating in practice or games during suspension. If excessive, the student will be removed from the team.
6. Detentions, practice tardies and practice absences will be handled by the coach/sponsor through discussion and penalty. If this becomes excessive, the student could be removed from the team.
7. Students must follow the directions of their coach on any other requirements. These requirements will be stated in writing.
8. A student must ride the bus to and from the activity unless a parent is present at the activity and gets permission from the coach or sponsor to take his/her son/daughter after the activity. Students may not leave with anyone other than their own parent. A student must ride the bus to the activity in order to be eligible to participate. However, in **EMERGENCY circumstances** the assistant principal for activities may approve alternative means of transportation to the athletic contest or activity.
9. Any incidents that occur that are not covered by these guidelines will be reviewed on an individual basis by the school administrator.
10. Students using tobacco (smokeless included) on school property or at a school event will be suspended from the club/organization for thirty (30) days. If the student joins a smoking cessation program the penalty will be reduced to fifteen (15) school days. The student cannot be involved on a club/organization until completing his/her suspension. A school day is defined as an actual calendar day of school. However, any official practice days allowed by MSHSAA and used by respective teams will count as days of suspension if applicable. A second offense results in suspension from the club/organization for 365 days.
11. A student who buys, possesses, uses, transmits, or is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, drug, or narcotic will be suspended from clubs and activities. This includes counterfeit or "look alike" substances transmitted as drugs. The suspension will be for sixty (60) school days but can be reduced to thirty (30) school days if the student has an assessment and becomes involved in rehabilitation counseling. The student cannot be involved on a club/organization until his/her suspension is served. A school day is defined as an actual calendar day of school. However, any official practice days allowed by MSHSAA and used by respective teams will count as days of a suspension if applicable.
12. Any student who quits or is dismissed from a club/organization will not receive an award.

SUBURBAN CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

The Suburban Conference shall abide by the MSHSAA standards governing unsportsmanlike conduct.

PLAYERS

When a player is ejected from a game by a game official for unsportsmanlike conduct, which includes but not limited to the following: deliberately striking an opposing player, using profane or vulgar language, using abusive language towards officials and acting flagrantly or deliberately to harm, the player shall not be allowed to participate in the next succeeding game for that team(s). If there are extenuating circumstances making the athlete's conduct more serious, the penalty imposed could be immediate expulsion from team on the first offense. If a player is ejected a second time for flagrant or deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct (as described above), he/she shall be dismissed from the team.

When a player has been ejected from a contest for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct for the first time, and the ejection occurs at the end of the sports season, the player shall be withheld from the next contest in which he/she would be eligible to participate. A second ejection, within the same school year, but the first in the next sport season, would result in the player's dismissal from the team for the remainder of that sport season.

Any player dismissed from the team shall be placed on athletic probation for one calendar year from the date of dismissal. He/she would be permitted to participate in other activities, but under strict conditions. Any act of unsportsmanlike behavior may result in him/her being dismissed from the activity. After one year of exemplary behavior, the player will have reinstated eligibility.

Any senior athlete who has violated the unsportsmanlike conduct standards, resulting in a second ejection who has played in his/her final contest for the school, who cannot be withheld from participating in the next contest as a result of the second ejection rule, forgoes the opportunity to receive all post-season awards.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

If an appeal were requested by an athlete and his family, within twenty-four hours of notification of the penalty, the appeal would first be reviewed by the activities director and the building principal. Their procedure is to determine whether or not the punishment will stand, or if the appeal should go to the appeals committee. All action by the appeals committee must be done within forty-eight hours.

**HAZING/ BULLYING/ INTIMIDATION/
THREATENING BEHAVIOR/ HARASSMENT**

The intentional threatening, intimidating, or harassing of another person by word, act, or deed will not be tolerated.

The Pattonville School District prohibits all forms of hazing, bullying and student intimidation. Students participating in or encouraging inappropriate conduct will be disciplined in accordance with board policy JG-R and the high school discipline guide. Such discipline may include, but is not limited to, suspension or expulsion from school and removal from participation in activities. Students who have been subjected to hazing or bullying are instructed to promptly report such incidents to a school official.

In addition, district staff, coaches, sponsors and volunteers shall not permit, condone or tolerate any form of hazing or bullying or plan, direct, encourage, assist, engage or participate in any activity that involves hazing or bullying. District staff will report incidents of hazing and bullying to a building administrator. The principal or his/her designee shall promptly investigate all complaints of hazing and bullying and shall administer appropriate discipline to all individuals who violate this policy. District staff who violate this policy may be disciplined or terminated. The district shall annually inform students, parents, district staff and volunteers that hazing and bullying is prohibited. This notification may occur through the distribution of the written policy, publication in handbooks, presentations at assemblies or verbal instructions by the coach or sponsor at the start of the season or program.

Definitions

Hazing – For purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as any activity, on or off school grounds, that a reasonable person believes would negatively impact the mental or physical health or safety of a student or put the student in a ridiculous, humiliating, stressful or disconcerting position for the purposes of initiation, affiliation, admission, membership or maintenance of membership in any group, class, organization, club or athletic team including, but not limited to, a grade level, student organization or school-sponsored activity.

Hazing may include those actions that subject a student to extreme mental stress including, but not limited to: sleep deprivation, physical confinement, forced conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment or criminal activity, or other stress-inducing activities. Hazing may also include, but is not limited to: acts of physical brutality; whipping; beating; branding; exposing to the elements; forcing consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance; forcing inhalation or ingestion of tobacco products; or any other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of an individual.

Hazing may occur even when all students involved are willing participants. Hazing does not occur when a student is required to audition or try out for an organization when the criteria are reasonable, approved by the district and legitimately related to the purpose of the organization.

Bullying – Bullying is defined as repeated and systematic intimidation, harassment and attacks on a student or multiple students perpetuated by individuals or groups. Bullying includes, but is not limited to; physical violence, verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, threats, extortion or theft, damaging property.

FIRST OFFENSE

From detention up to 10 days out-of school-suspension (if related to extra-curricular activity; student may be suspended or removed from team/group)

SECOND OFFENSE

10 day out-of-school suspension with possible referral to Superintendent for a hearing to determine additional days of suspension up to 180 days

AGREEMENT FORM

PATTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES

Please read the Athletic/Activities manual thoroughly and return this form to the coaches/sponsors as soon as possible.

I have read the Athletic/Activities rules and procedures including the Hazing and Bullying Policies and will do my best to comply with them. I will act as a responsible team member and citizen of Pattonville High School when representing our school to others. I understand if I do not follow the athletic/activities rules and procedures, I may be ineligible for participation or subject to disciplinary action.

STUDENT: (print) _____

STUDENT: (signature) _____

DATE: _____

Dear Parents,

Please sign this sheet so that we know you have reviewed and understand the athletic/activity rules and procedures.

PARENT/GUARDIAN: (print) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: (signature) _____

DATE: _____