

MINERSVILLE AREA JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
CODE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
2011-2012

The following regulations apply to all students participating in any extracurricular activities under the auspices of Minersville Area High School. Students ruled “ineligible” may not participate in extracurricular activities in ANY FORM – game, event, practice, meeting, etc. – during the period of ineligibility.

These standards are in addition to those of the PIAA. These are MINIMUM standards. Coaches may recommend stricter ones which, when properly approved by administrative process and Board of Education review, can be enforced. Both the student and a parent/guardian will be required to acknowledge by signature the receipt of such information.

ATTENDANCE

Students may not participate in extra-curricular activities if any of the following occur:

- 1) The PIAA regulations relative to student attendance shall apply to all extracurricular activities. In the main, this makes a student who accumulates twenty (20) days of absence in two consecutive marking periods ineligible until he/she is in attendance for sixty school days following the twentieth day of absence.

NOTE: Fall activities depend upon the third and fourth marking periods of the previous year.

- 2) A student who is absent the day of the game, event, practice, etc. may not participate in that game, event, practice, etc. Rare exceptions may be made here for family emergencies, funerals, etc., and they must be with administrative approval. *If the absence is a Friday, the student is ineligible until Monday.
- 3) Students who sign in after 8:30 A.M. the day of a game, event, practice, etc. may not participate in that game, event, practice, etc. The only exception would be for doctor’s, dentist’s, court appearances, etc. with *prior* administrative approval.
- 4) Students who sign out for illness or injury the day of a game, event, practice, etc. may not participate in that game, event, practice, etc. Students may sign out for appointments, emergencies, etc. just as non-participating students would if the sign-out is cleared by the principal.
- 5) Days accumulated on Out Of School Suspension shall count as Absences.

DISCIPLINE

Students may be restricted from participation in extra-curricular activities if any of the following occur:

- 1) A student on suspension may not participate in any game, event, practice, etc. during the suspension. This lasts until reinstatement (7:50 A.M. of day after last day of suspension); therefore, a student whose last day of suspension in Friday may not participate in a game, event, practice, etc. over the weekend. An exception would be a “weekday” or “holiday” of four (4) or more days’ length. In such a case, if the school day prior to the weekend or holiday is the last day of suspension and if a parent has satisfactorily contacted the principal, the student may participate over the weekend or holiday; however, if a student’s suspension includes day(s) before AND after the weekend or holiday – no matter how many days’ duration it is – the student is ineligible for that entire period of time.

NOTE: The FIRST time a student is in IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION the student is eligible to participate in Extracurricular Activities

NOTE: A student who has the first day of a second offense in IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION for the day before a weekend or holiday period and who is absent on that day will be ineligible for all extracurricular activities over that weekend of holiday period.

- 2) A student suspended for involvement with alcohol/drugs is ineligible for the rest of the year. Additionally, it is school policy that such students be referred to the School Board for expulsion proceedings. The student will be eligible for the next year.
- 3) Because of the extreme danger to participants, the following policy is in effect for all sports/activities:

If a fight develops between contestants on the field (court, etc.), any player who leaves the team bench to join the fight will be suspended from the team for a period of not less than two (2) weeks. This may be extended at the principal’s discretion depending upon the consequences of the bench athlete’s joining the fight. If a second violation occurs, the athlete will be suspended for the balance of the school year. These suspensions shall be imposed in addition to any the coach or the eligibility code may require.

NOTE: Any player who leaves team bench and goes on to field (court, etc.) of play improperly – even if not to join a fight. Consequences will depend on the discretion of the principal and coach.

- 4) Principal’s Discretionary Suspension – Additionally, the Principal has the right to rule a student ineligible for a period of up to ten (10) school days for serious or repeated school disciplinary code violations.

ACADEMICS

NOTE: Students must have a passing grade in 6 classes to be eligible to participate.

There will be four (4) categories of academic eligibility:

- 1) WEEKLY PERFORMANCE – On a weekly basis, teachers will receive forms with all extracurricular participants (for that season) listed. Teachers will then be asked to note any student failing for that marking period.

Students found below the sufficient credit level will be ineligible for 1 week beginning the Sunday after the Friday report until the following Sunday. If after those 5 school days, the student is still not passing they shall be ineligible for another ten (10) school days. The third (3) suspension shall consist of thirty (30) school days. A fourth occurrence will result in a suspension of forty-five (45) school days. Any subsequent rulings of ineligible will result in a suspension for the remainder of the school year.

2) REPORT CARD PERFORMANCE: At the end of each marking period, a student not passing 6 classes will be ineligible for a period of fifteen (15) school days beginning with the day after which report cards are issued. At the end of those fifteen (15) schools, a progress report will be compiled and submitted to the principal. If the student is then passing in the sufficient number of classes for the current marking period, eligibility will immediately be renewed. (If not, the student must wait another 15 school days for another progress report). A second report card suspension will result in a thirty (30) school day suspension.

3) Cumulative Ineligibility

A) A student ruled academically ineligible four (4) times during the school year will automatically be ineligible for forty-five (45) school days. A fifth instance of ineligibility makes the student ineligible for the rest of school year.

4) FINAL ELIGIBILITY

A) Any student whose final grades put that student below the sufficient credit level for the grade of which that student was a member – will be academically ineligible for all extracurriculars for the beginning of the next school year for a fifteen (15) school day period. If a student attends summer school and achieves passing credit; they will be declared eligible.

B) A student rules “ineligible” under this category may try out for, practice but not formally participate in extracurricular activities until the first day of school at which time that student must cease ALL extracurricular involvement for fifteen (15) school days. This is considered STEP 1 of current school year. See Above!!

NOTE: The principal may make exceptions to the above cases of long-term disabilities and/or under other unusual and extenuating circumstances. These exceptions, however, would be extremely rare.

MISCELLANEOUS

1) Debts

A student who owes \$10.00 or more to the school or any of its activities, clubs, etc. will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity – in ANY form – until the student’s debt is brought below \$10.00 or until satisfactory arrangements are made with principal to pay the debt. (the principal reserves the right to withdraw the eligibility of a student whenever the term of the arrangements are violated.)

2) If a student becomes ineligible in a sport, he may not participate in any other sports until the original sport concludes.