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ELIGIBILITY HANDBOOK

Mayville School District Co-curricular Code  
Grade 7-12

CO-CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES

*MAYVILLE CARDINALS*

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# School District of Mayville

## Mayville School District Co-curricular Code Grades 7-12

The purpose of this code is to set standards for student eligibility for participation in co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities are defined as those activities outside the classroom that are approved and regulated by the Board of Education that do not affect class grades. They include athletics and non-athletic co-curricular activities. To be eligible for participation in co-curricular activities, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student as defined by Board of Education Policy. Parochial/Private school students may participate in co-curricular activities per Board of Education Policy.

The opportunity for participation in activities outside of the classroom constitutes an important phase of learning that is seldom duplicated. The primary philosophy of these activities is to provide experiences that will help develop students emotionally, intellectually, physically, and socially. Such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the students themselves, the activity, the student body, the community, and to the school.

The Board encourages the full participation in co-curricular activities. For purposes of Board policy, "full participation" means fair and equal participation to the extent that the budget, facilities or type of activity allows.

The District shall not discriminate in admission to any program or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. This policy does not, however, prohibit the District from placing a student in a program or activity based on objective standards of individual performance, providing separate programs in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope and support from the District, or from providing separate toilet, locker and shower facilities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

### **I. ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY**

- A. Eligibility** - To be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities, a student must earn a minimum grade point of 1.5 and have no more than one failing grade. A student with a disability who is enrolled in an approved individualized education program (IEP) may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP.
  
- B. Academic eligibility** - Academic eligibility is determined at the end of each quarter, on the day the report cards are printed. The quarter grades and quarter grade point are used at the end of each quarter. Grades listed as incomplete (I) on the report card are considered failures (F's) until changed.

**C. Ineligibility Periods** - Those students who do not meet academic eligibility requirements will be ineligible for co-curricular activity participation for the following time periods:

Fall: The lesser of 21 consecutive days from the earliest allowed competition/activity/event or 1/3 of the maximum games/activity events

Winter and Spring: 15 school days

Summer: 21 consecutive days

**D. Regaining Eligibility** - A Student may regain eligibility status to the fourth quarter grading period by participating in one or more of the following options:

1. Attend Summer School in the Mayville School District--Course pre-approval by principal or designee.
2. Attend Summer School at a different district (at student expense)--Pre-approval by principal or designee.
3. Take a correspondence course--pre-approved by principal or designee at the individual's expense.
  - a. Individual student situations, as well as the availability of course offerings, will impact a student regaining his/her eligibility.
  - b. Summer school is considered a separate grading period, therefore, a grade point of 1.5 must be obtained. Along with maintaining a 1.5 grade point, the student must complete summer school with no more than 1 (one) F.
  - c. If a student is below the 1.5 grade point and did not fail any courses during the fourth quarter, the students must take at least one course and obtain at least a 1.5 grade point, during summer school to become eligible.

**E. Expectations for Ineligible Students** - Students involved in athletic, competitive or performance activities that are declared ineligible by the athletic director/administrator must continue to meet and practice with the team/activity. A controlled scrimmage is considered a practice for the purposes of this code. Students may not compete in games or contests or participate in performances for a period of at least 15 school days commencing with the ineligibility ruling or 21 consecutive days from the earliest allowed competition or activity, based on the activity or season. Students must successfully complete the season in which a violation has occurred. If the violation occurs at the end of one season it will be carried forward and pro-rated based on the number of games/matches into the next season in which the student participates.

**F. Process for Regaining Eligibility** - A student may re-gain his/her academic eligibility after 15 school days or 21 consecutive days as identified in page 2, I-C, if the student presents a Skyward grade sheet to the Guidance Secretary. At this time the student must be earning a minimum grade point of 1.5 and have no more than one failing grade. The Guidance Secretary will give the grade sheet to the Athletic Director or Dean of Students who will notify the student if eligibility has been granted or denied.

## II. Conduct Standards for Eligibility

### A. Philosophy

1. Mayville School District's conduct standards for co-curricular eligibility will be enforced on a year-round basis, twelve months.
2. Participants in all co-curricular activities are expected to :
  - a. Adhere to the highest standards of moral and social behavior and sportsmanship. Conduct in and out of the school shall be such as to bring no discredit to the co-curricular participant, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s), activity or team.
  - b. Show proper respect for authority at all times in school and within the community. Insubordination or disrespect to any teacher or coach/advisor will not be tolerated.
  - c. Abide by the Mayville School District's board policies and individual school rules.
  - d. When students enter the high school as a first semester ninth grader, they start with a clean slate with no co-curricular violations on file.
  - e. Note: Failure to adhere and meet the expectations of the Co-curricular Code's Philosophy could result in a code violation.

### B. Serving a Code Violation

If a student is academically ineligible, the student must wait until he/she is academically eligible to serve a co-curricular violation.

**C. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Controlled Substances** - The School District of Mayville is a Drug-Free School District. These rules have been established for the best interest of the student and the activity. By complying with these rules, a student demonstrates the desire to reach his or her full potential and to enhance the best interest of fellow teammates, participants, coaches, and the school. No student may use, possess or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, mood altering substances, tobacco, controlled substances. No student may use steroids or any drug, medicine or food supplements solely for the purpose of performance enhancement. A student may not use look-a-like-drugs to include non-alcoholic beer and other beverages or an intoxicant look-a-like. In addition, students may not manufacture, sell, buy, or intend to sell or transfer alcohol, look-a-likes, illegal or prescription drugs not prescribed for that student.

### D. Attendance at a Party

1. A party, defined as an event/party/gathering/establishment where drugs/alcohol are being used/consumed and/or taken by individuals under the age of twenty-one (21), is strictly prohibited.
2. No student may have a gathering at his/her home or property or attend/associate at an event, party, gathering, or establishment where drugs and/or alcohol are being used, consumed and/or taken by individuals in violation of state law. **Upon the realization that drugs, tobacco, and/or alcohol are illegally consumed or as mentioned in section II, C on page 2, the expectation is that the student leave immediately.**

### E. Attendance at Public Gathering where Alcohol is being served in violation of state law.

– Students are not prohibited from attending weddings, reunions, anniversaries or other ceremonial functions with their parent(s)/guardian or with his/her parent(s)/guardian's permission where alcohol is served. However, students may not consume alcohol or be in possession of alcoholic beverages even though they have parental permission. Parental permission does not over-ride the provisions of this code.

## **F. Other**

1. No student may violate any Federal or Wisconsin law, (including but not limited to illegal possession of a weapon, assault and battery, disorderly conduct, theft, vandalism, sexual assault, reckless driving, hit and run) any municipal or county ordinance, (including but not limited to illegal acts such as shoplifting, trespassing, curfew violations) or law of any other jurisdiction in conformity with the Wisconsin Criminal Statutes. Parking and speeding tickets are exceptions to this prohibition.
2. Theft of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes illegal possession of school equipment – (Mayville or any other schools).

## **III. Reporting Violations**

### **A. General**

1. Any person may report a violation of the co-curricular code on the Code Violation Report Form. All violations of the co-curricular code must be reported on the Code Violation Report Form, available in the Mayville High and Middle School Main Offices. Only reports submitted on the Code Violation Report Form (made in writing) and signed will be considered. The violation must have been documented to have occurred within the last sixty days of the alleged violation. Court and police reports can be used at any time to open an investigation but not used as the sole basis for disciplinary action. Any person may report a violation of the co-curricular code on the Code Violation Report Form. When appropriate, anonymity of the informant will be maintained. Persons under the age of 18 may report directly to an advisor/coach/director, staff member or administrator who will then file a report if the information warrants such action. If a staff member witnesses a violation of the co-curricular code he/she is expected to report the violation.
2. Reported violations cannot be processed as self-reported violations. Violations reported by a third party eliminate the opportunity for a student to self-report.

### **B. Self-reporting**

1. A student(s) may self-report to any Mayville coach or advisor, faculty member or school administrator and receive a reduced penalty if it is his/her first violation of the co-curricular code. A Code Violation Report Form must be completed by the end of the next scheduled school day or before the initiation of the investigation process as stated in section III A-1. If all elements of self-reporting are properly met, the “first violation” penalty will be reduced to ten percent (10%) of the regular scheduled interscholastic game or meets from the time the violation occurs. Club and activity violations will be reduced by ten percent (10%). The one time self-reporting option applies only when a violation results from the self-report.
2. A student who has the gathering at his/her home or property at which drugs and/or alcohol are being used, consumed and/or taken by individuals in violation of state law is not eligible for the self-reporting penalty reduction.

#### IV. The Investigation of Conduct Violations and Assigning Consequences

##### A. The Opening of the Investigation Process

1. When a Code Violation Form has been received alleging that a specific Mayville student has violated the district's co-curricular activity conduct standards, an Interview Team will be established within three (3) days of the receipt of the written report to review the alleged violation. The Interview Team will be comprised of at least two (2) of the following: building principal, assistant principal or athletic director. Additional members may be appointed by the administration if deemed necessary.
2. The Interview Team will inform the student and parent/guardian of the alleged violation. **NOTE: Although parents will be notified that an alleged violation has occurred, it is not necessary for a parent to be present during the investigation. The investigative process will not be delayed to accommodate for a parent's presence.**
3. Any and all appropriate individuals will be interviewed to determine if the alleged violation occurred.
4. During the investigation, the student will be given an opportunity to be heard regarding the alleged violation. In responding to any questioning about his/her personal actions, it is expected that the student answer truthfully. Also during the questioning process, a student may not attempt to mislead, misrepresent or be uncooperative which may impede the investigation.
5. The Interview Team will determine if a violation has occurred and will assign the appropriate consequences in accordance with the established penalties for conduct violations.
  - a. The Interview Team and the Activity Appeal Panel (as outlined below) are allowed flexibility by this code to take appropriate action in cases not covered by terms of this code. This includes instituting community service activities.
  - b. If a student is involved in more than one activity, consequences will occur in each of the activities in which the student is involved.
6. Students will be notified verbally of the outcome of the investigation and that any consequence(s) assigned will go into effect immediately.
  - a. The Athletic Director or Administration will make a documented attempt to contact the parent(s)/guardian once the investigation has been completed.
  - b. A letter to the parent(s)/guardian will be sent home summarizing the investigation and its outcome.
  - c. The student or parent(s)/guardian may appeal the Interview Team's decision within five (5) days of the parent/guardian being notified. All appeals will be treated separately on an individual basis.

## **B. Appeal Process**

1. **Activity Appeal Panel** – If the student and their parent(s) / guardian wish to appeal the violation and / or the consequences being dispensed, a written request must be made to the Principal or Assistant Principal within five (5) working days from the date of mailing. The Activity Appeal Panel will consist of six (6) members, who will include two (2) parents, at least one (1) representative from the building administration, the Superintendent or designee, and two (2) other appropriate coaches and faculty members. The principal will formulate a parent list at the start of each school year which will be used to determine the two (2) parents, who are to serve on the Activity Review Panel.
  - a. The Activity Appeal Panel will strive to meet within three days upon receiving the written appeal. Until the hearing is scheduled, the original decision of the Interview Team shall stand.
  - b. Both the student and their parent(s) / guardian are encouraged to attend. The student will be provided with an opportunity to speak and present other evidence on his/her behalf at the hearing.
  - c. A written notice of the findings of the Activity Appeal Panel will be mailed to the student and / or their parent(s) / guardian. If the students and / or their parent(s) / guardian do not agree with the actions of the Activity Appeal Panel, a final appeal may be made to the Mayville School Board within five (5) days of receiving the written report of the activity appeal panel. The Activity Appeal Panel is not limited in their actions and may modify the original consequence, as they deem necessary.
2. **Mayville District School Board** – If the student and his / her parent(s) / guardian are not satisfied with the findings of the Activity Appeal Panel, a conference may be requested before the Board of Education. The Board Clerk must receive, in writing, a request for a conference before the Board within five (5) days of the mailing of the outcome of the hearing with the Activity Appeal Panel. A conference shall be a factual and procedural review of the incident and a decision rendered by the Board shall be final. The conference shall consist of the Board, administration, parent(s) / guardian and / or their representative, and the student(s) involved in the incident. Until the conference is scheduled, the original decision shall stand.

## **IV. Additional Co-curricular Requirements and Rules**

### **A. Student Attendance**

1. All students under the co-curricular code must be in school at least the last four hours on the day of a practice, contest or event, in order to be eligible to participate. The school principal or designee may make exceptions to this attendance rule.
2. The principal, prior to the absence, must excuse an absence of a student under the co-curricular code on the day of a contest if he/she is to participate in the contest.
3. Students may not compete in, practice, or attend any school sponsored/social activity if they have an unexcused absence for that day, In-School Suspension, or an Out of School Suspension. The administration reserves the right to determine what is excused or unexcused. Long term removal for a classroom code of conduct violation will be treated as a violation of the co-curricular code.

**B. Rules and Expectations of Coaches/Advisors -The coach or advisor of any Co-curricular activity may establish and enforce reasonable team/group rules, which may include, but are not limited to the following:**

1. Attendance for practice, activities, performances or competitions: With the exception of a prior arrangement with the advisor/coach, participants must attend all sessions of their activity.
2. Curfew: The coach/advisor may impose a reasonable curfew prior to an activity.
3. Dress/Grooming: The coach/advisor may require certain dress and grooming standards for participants in an activity that do not apply to the general student population.
4. All team/activity rules established by the coach/advisor shall be reviewed and approved by the administration before distribution to participants. Each advisor/coach shall inform participants of their team/activity rules at the beginning of the season/activity. Team/activity rules may be more stringent than the rules of this policy.

**C. Special Provisions Applicable to Athletics**

1. WIAA Tournament Eligibility - A student who becomes ineligible during the tournament series remains ineligible throughout the tournament series. The tournament series is defined as games or a bye (when a team does not compete but advances in the competition) contested in the post-season that may qualify the athlete or team for the state tournament.
2. WIAA Physical Expectations
  - a. A student may not practice or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to (1) Parental permission each year and (2) current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 being the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where the rule book or WIAA tournament policies apply. Each athlete must pay for his/her own physical. Physical examinations are an every-other-year procedure for WIAA athletes.
  - b. If there has been a serious injury or illness, or if hospitalization has been required, a student will be required to have a physical examination even though he/she has one the previous year.
3. All parents are required by the WIAA to sign the WIAA Athletic Eligibility Bulletin, which is found as the addendum to this handbook.

**D. School Equipment and Locker Room**

1. Each participant is responsible for school equipment issued to him/her. Equipment that is damaged through neglect, carelessness or abuse will also be charged to the student at current replacement costs. **Athletes are required to have a lock purchased from the school on their athletic lockers.**
2. The locker room is a place for players and coaches only. No friends, or relatives will be allowed in the locker room before, during or after games or practices.
3. Any participant failing to return school issued equipment, apparel, etc. or that owe for that equipment will not be allowed to compete in their next activity.

**E. Change of Sport/Activity - No athlete may join another sport during the same season except by agreement of both coaches.**

**F. Regaining Eligibility**

To regain eligibility, the student must maintain membership throughout the entire season in which the consequences for the co-curricular violation are served. Maintaining membership is defined as attending and participating in all practices and meetings while not competing as well as participating fully once the consequences have ended for the remainder of the season.

**G. Co-curricular Activity Fee** – Students who participate in a sport or Cardinal Singers will be expected to pay the required participation fee in the office before participating in practice or the first scheduled event. Parochial/private school students participating in co-curricular activities as per Board policy will be expected to pay the same fees as students attending the Mayville Public Schools.

**H. Transportation to and from Co-curricular Activities** - The School District of Mayville is responsible for the safety and protection of students participating in co-curricular activities. School District Transportation will be provided for all of these co-curricular activities. Under no circumstance is a student allowed to transport himself/herself to and from a co-curricular activity. All students must ride the bus to and from the contest or event unless pre-arranged in writing with parents and co-curricular advisors. District Transportation and Behavioral Expectations will be followed while being transported to and from activities as well as onsite.

If a participant wishes to be transported home with his/her parent(s)/guardian after a contest or event:

1. A completed written request form will be available after the contest or event through the coach or advisor. The parent must sign the form in the presence of the coach or advisor. The advisor or coach will turn in all forms to the Athletic Director the next school day after the event.
2. On the day of the contest or event, parents may personally drop-off a signed note directly to an office staff member or speak directly to a staff member via the telephone. No messages will be accepted.
3. Failure to complete the form will result in the student being required to ride the bus home from the activity.

**VI. Procedures to Implement the Policy**

**A. Mandatory Meeting** - A mandatory informational meeting on designated nights before each activity will be a requirement for the parent(s)/ guardian and student athletes.

**B. First Meeting** - At the first meeting of an activity, the coach or advisor of the activity shall review the rules established by this code to insure a complete understanding of what is expected of all participants. In addition, a copy of team rules and expectations will be provided to the participants and parents.

**C. Yearly Review and Signing of the Co-curricular Code** - Each year all participants in co-curricular activities shall, with their parents, read, discuss and sign a pledge to follow the rules of this district prior to any participation. No student may participate in practice or activities until his/her pledge copy is signed and on file with the school office. Once signed, the student is subject to all rules and regulations of the co-curricular code for the remainder of the school year whether the student is actively involved in a co-curricular activity or not.

**D. Ineligible to Students** - Coaches and advisors are responsible for insuring that participants are eligible. Allowing participation of an ineligible student is a violation of school policy and will result in forfeiture of a contest.

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Signatures of School Board Members

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## **GROUP 1 - PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS AND COURTS**

### High School

Academic Decathlon  
Art Club  
Cardinal Singers  
Dance Courts  
DECA  
Ecology Club  
FFA  
Forensics  
German Club  
Jazz Band  
Jazz Fusion  
Letter Winners Club  
Madrigals  
Math League  
Mock Trial  
M-Tech  
Musicals/Plays  
National Honor Society  
Spanish Club  
Steel Drums  
Student Council  
Vocal Jazz  
Volunteer Club  
Way Cool Band

### Middle School

Earth Club  
Forensics  
Student Council

## **GROUP 2- LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Class Officers  
Club Officers

## **GROUP 3- ATHLETICS**

### High School

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Soccer  
Softball  
Track and Field  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

### Middle School

Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Football  
Track and Field  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

All of the listed activities, clubs, performance groups, or sports have been approved by the administration, the policy committee, and Board of Education. Any additionally proposed activities, clubs, performance groups, or sports must be presented to and approved by each supervisory committee: administration, the policy committee, and Board of Education.

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## Group 1 Violation Chart

### Consequences for Attendance at a party (as noted on page 3, II – C, 1):

1<sup>st</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 2 weeks (14 days) of the activity

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 4 weeks (28 days) of the activity

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 8 weeks (56 days) of the activity

4<sup>th</sup> Violation – ineligible for participation in any activity for 365 days

If another violation occurs during 365-day suspension, the student will be ineligible for any activity for the remainder of their high school years.

### Consequences for all other Violations:

1<sup>st</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 4 weeks (28 days) of the activity

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 8 weeks (56 days) of the activity

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 16 weeks (112 days) of the activity and ineligible for awards

4<sup>th</sup> Violation - Ineligible for membership in any activity for the remainder of their high school career

### Note:

1. A student who has been determined to be ineligible during the time in which balloting for a dance court occurs shall remain ineligible for the upcoming dance court.
2. A court member who has been determined to have been in violation of the code will be ineligible for the court he or she has been elected to.

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## Group 2 Violation Chart

### Consequences for any violation (including attendance):

1<sup>st</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is lose officer position for the remainder of the year, still allowed membership in the organization

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is ineligible for leadership position for remainder of high school career, still allowed membership in the organization

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is termination from organization for remainder of high school career

*Note: A student that is ineligible during the balloting process is not eligible to be a class or club officer.*

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## Group 3 Violation Chart

### Consequences for Attendance at a Party (as noted on page 3, II – C, 1):

1<sup>st</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 10% loss of games or matches

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 25% loss of games or matches

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension is 50 % loss of games or matches

4<sup>th</sup> Violation – ineligible for participation in any activity for 365 days

If another violation occurs during 365-day suspension, the student will be ineligible for any activity for the remainder of their high school years.

### Consequences for all other Violations:

1<sup>st</sup> Violation – minimum suspension of 25% loss of games or matches

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation – minimum suspension of 50% loss of games or matches

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation – Ineligible for participation for 365 days. If another violation occurs during 365-day suspension, the student will be ineligible for any activity for the remainder of their high school years.

See Exhibit 3 for specific number of games or matches students would be ineligible.

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## Chart for Activity Group 3 Violations

NUMBER OF CONTESTS IN A SEASON	10%	25%	50%
1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1
3	1	1	2
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
6	1	2	3
7	1	2	3
8	1	2	4
9	1	2	5
10	1	3	5
11	2	3	6
12	2	3	6
13	2	3	7
14	2	4	7
15	2	4	8
16	2	4	8
17	2	4	9
18	2	5	9
19	2	5	10
20	2	5	10
21	3	5	11
22	3	6	11
23	3	6	12
24	3	6	12

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## Code Violation Report Form

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Self-report: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ or Third Party \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Violation (Attendance or Other Violation) \_\_\_\_\_

Activities Student is involved in \_\_\_\_\_

Group Violation (1, 2, or 3) \_\_\_\_\_

### Summary of the Incident

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Events \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notes by Administrator or Athletic Director \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the person who received the Code Violation Report \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents  
From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Mayville High School

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org).

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

**Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.**

These are WIAA eligibility rules:

### AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

### ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

### ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

### DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine

'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS•Handbook.

- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS•Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

#### **DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS•Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- E. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS•Handbook under Waivers.

#### **TRANSFERS**

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9.

**Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to practice and/or compete for one calendar year.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

#### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION**

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

#### **TRAINING and CONDUCT**

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

#### **AMATEUR STATUS**

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, dufflebags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.

- D. A student-athlete may not be identified as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

### **SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team.

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate in any nonschool games, including scrimmages against other teams.
  - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
  - (2) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport, a student-athlete may participate in sport activities outside of school with these restrictions:
  - (1) A student-athlete must not participate in nonschool programs, activities, camps, clinics and/or competition that is limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
  - (2) Nonschool activities in which students are engaged may not resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season.
- C. In the summer nonschool roster restrictions are not in effect and members of a schools team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- D. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- E. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- F. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.