

Activity Agreement

Any student who represents his/her school in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities shall be enrolled as an undergraduate student of the school (except as provided in By-Law 238.2a), and shall meet the following general standards of eligibility and the specific applicable MSHSAA standard in By-Laws 230 through 283/

Eligibility to represent a school in such activities is a privilege to be attained by meeting the standards of eligibility cooperatively set by the member schools through MSHSAA and any additional standards set by the LaCade County R-1 School District.

An extra-curricular or co-curricular activity shall be defined as any activity in which a recognized organization of the LaCade County R-1 Schools sponsors, attends or participates. This includes practices, banquets, performances, meetings and competitions recognized by organizations are those included in the student activities handbook.

Students who represent a school in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities must be creditable citizens and judged so by the proper school authority certifying a list of students eligible. Those students whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their schools are not considered "creditable citizens". Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

A student shall not be considered eligible to participate or attend such activities while under suspension. The student who is expelled or who withdraws from school because of disciplinary measures shall not be considered eligible for 365 days from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.

IF A STUDENT MISSED CLASS(ES) WITHOUT BEING EXCUSED BY THE PRINCIPAL, THE STUDENT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE OR ATTEND ON THAT DATE, FURTHER, THE STUDENT ANNOT BE CERTIFIED ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE ON AY SUBSEQUENT DATE UNTI THE STUDENT ATTENDS A FULL DAY OF CLASS OR HAS A DOCUMENTATED ASBENCE(S) FROM ALL CLASSES MISSED.

Prior to the start of the activity, each sponsor/coach will hold a meeting with students desiring to participate in programs sponsored by the school and/or the MSHSAA. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify the rules, regulations, and consequences for violations of state, school or term policy.

1. A participant receiving out-of-school suspension will be subject to disciplinary action as recommended by the sponsor of the event and the principal. During out-of-school suspension, the participant will not be allowed to participate in any scheduled activity or practice. The period of time will depend upon the nature of the suspension. The administration or the sponsor may also recommend other actions. In-school-suspensions (ISS) discipline will be handled by the sponsor's in accordance of their team rules/policy.
2. Grades 7-12
 - a. Any student receiving more than one failing grade at the end of the 9 week grade check will be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity (including non-educational

- field trips) until the next grade check. Students will be eligible to participate in any practice during this time.
- b. Students not meeting this standard may become eligible at the next grade check by having no more than one failing grade at that time.
 - c. Any student failing two or more classes at the end of the semester will be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity (including non-educational field trips) for the next semester. In addition, students will be ineligible to participate in any practices during this time.
3. Summer school credits may count toward maintaining academic eligibility provided the following requirements are met:
- a. The course(es) must be a requirement toward meeting graduation/promotion requirements (math, science, language arts, etc)
 - b. No elective may be counted toward this requirement
 - c. Correspondence courses may not count as summer school credit
 - d. No more than one credit earned in summer school shall count toward maintaining academic eligibility.
4. A participant being removed from any activity for disciplinary reasons will be brought under advisement of the activities director, sponsor in charge and building administrator, and appropriate action will be taken which may result in exclusion from other activities.
5. Any student who has not paid for or made arrangements to pay any fines or fees such as overdue lunch charges, shop fees, damaged items, lost items, and fund-raising balances will not be eligible to participate in any activities until the obligation has been paid.
6. The management of a co-curricular activity, while the activity is in progress, is the responsibility of the sponsor, who is responsible for the selection of participants and their participation.
7. Vaping devices possession or use of vaping device, electronic cigarettes, or other nicotine-delivery products on school premises, school transportation or at any school activity. If the vaping oil tests positive for agents that fall under drug policy, this becomes a drug violation according to drug policy listed in handbook.
- 1st offense – 3 days OSS
2nd offense – 5 days OSS
3rd offense – 10 days OSS with referral to superintendent for extended period of OSS up to 180 day suspension
8. Use or possession of drugs or alcoholic beverages will not be permitted by student participants. Offenses will be subject to the following discipline:
- a. 1st offense – The student will be suspended for scheduled school activities in which the student participates. The suspension shall equal 30% of activities for the sport/activity during which the student is disciplined. The student may attend and participate in practices during the suspension period but not travel or sit with the team during activities. If the offense occurs during the summer, student will be suspended from participating in all summer activities and sports/activity suspension will occur when the sports season resumes. The student may not participate in any new sports/activities until the suspension is completed.

- b. 2nd offense - The student will be suspended from all school sponsored activities and practices for ninety (90) school days. This suspension will be reduced to forty-five (45) days if the student provides documentation of an assessment for substance abuse at a school approved treatment center for substance abuse.
 - c. 3rd – The student will be suspended from all school sponsored activities and practices for 365 calendar days.
 - i. Use or possession of tobacco will not be permitted by student participants. Offenses will be subject to the following discipline.
 - 1st offense – 3 game suspension plus whatever punishment the sponsor deems appropriate.
 - 2nd offense – 6 game suspension plus whatever punishment the sponsor deems appropriate.
 - 3rd offense – 9 game suspension plus whatever punishment the sponsor deems appropriate.
 - 4th offense – Removal from all extra-curricular organizations.
9. If a student is charged or confirmed by a law enforcement agency, in any felony, he/she will be suspended indefinitely from all extra-curricular activities. Conviction constitutes removal from team/organization for 365 days.
10. Hazing-Soliciting, encouraging, aiding, or engaging in hazing is prohibited. "Hazing" means any activity 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 purposed 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 occur even when all students involved are willing participants.
- a. Any activity which recklessly endangers the physical health or safety of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to physical brutality, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance or forced smoking or chewing of tobacco products: or
 - b. Any activity which recklessly endangers the mental health of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to sleep deprivation, physical confinement, or other extreme stress inducing activity: or
 - c. Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state.

Students engaging in hazing will be subject to one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

- Removal from the co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.
- Conference with parent/guardian.
- Referral to appropriate law enforcement agency.
- Suspension for up to 180 days
- Expulsion for the remainder of the school term

Permanent expulsion

- 11. A student participant who violates other school policies or state laws may be given a warning that future violations could result in up to a 365 day suspension from all activities.**
- 12. During a suspension, any violation by a suspended student could result in up to a 365 day suspension from all school activities.**
- 13. Students who hold elective positions or are candidates for school "royalty" position must adhere to the same rules as student participants in recognized MSHSAA activities. Disciplinary action for violations of any of the above rules will be applied to those students in the same manner.**
- 14. The district's policies, regulations, procedures and expectations regarding in-person communications at school and during the school day also apply to electronic communications for educational purposes, regardless of when those communications occur. Staff member may only communicate with students electronically for educational purposes between the hours of 6am-10pm. Staff members may use electronic communication with students only as frequently as necessary to accomplish the educational purpose. By signing this activity agreement you are giving permission for your child's coach or sponsor to communicate with your child via electronic communication.**