

# Athletics Behavior Contract

While participating in McDougle Middle School Athletics, students must meet and uphold the following academic/behavior standards. If students do not meet these standards, student athletes may be subjected to suspension and or expulsion from athletics until students are back in compliance of the following standards.

## Academic Standards

While participating in athletics at McDougle, student athletes will be required to maintain a level of academic integrity. If a student falls below the listed standards, students will be academically ineligible and will not be allowed to participate in athletics until the end of the next marking period or have completed the academic probation application and has been approved by the principal and the athletic director.

1. Students may not have more than 1 failing mark. If a student fails more than 1 class the student athlete will be academically ineligible.
2. Students must have attended school at least 85% of the previous semester. This will be measured using the current end-of-quarter attendance and will include the previous quarter's attendance. (*Example:* for the fall season, this percentage will be measured using the previous years' 3rd & 4th quarter attendance.) If a student falls below this mark they are considered academically ineligible but can petition to participate in athletics on a probationary status.
3. Students must maintain a 2.0 (C Average) in both core and elective classes at the end of each reporting period. If a student falls below this mark they are considered academically ineligible but can petition to participate in athletics on a probationary status.

***If incoming 7th graders do not meet the above standards during the 4th quarter of 6th grade they will be placed on academic probation.***

## On-the-field/court behavior (Practice and Game Day)

- Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. Players will be given three (3) strikes with increasing consequences for each incident. Unsportsmanlike behavior is as follows: destruction of property; inappropriate behavior towards staff, officials, opponents, or teammate(s); using swear words or inappropriate language; arguing with teammates, coaches, officials, or opponents; as well as pushing, shoving, punching, kicking, or making any non-athletic related physical conduct with a coach, official, opponent, or teammate(s).

## Consequences for inappropriate behavior on the field/court

- **First Strike:** Player will be suspended from all athletic events, including games for two (2) days.
- **Second Strike:** Player will be suspended from all athletic events, including games for five (5) days.
- **Third Strike:** Removal from team until reinstatement, as agreed upon by coach and administration.
  - (Students may be held financially responsible to replace any items that they break)

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## In-school behavior

- The way you act and communicate with teachers and peers during school matters! You are expected to make good decisions, both on and off the field. Behaviors that are prohibited in school as an MMS athlete are as follows: using swear words or inappropriate language; sleeping in class; destruction or vandalism of school property; arguing with classmates or adults; any physical altercation with students or adults during the school day; and inappropriate behavior towards students or staff. Teachers have been asked to immediately notify the Athletic Director (Mr. Bianchi) and the coach if there are any problems or incidents during the school day. In addition, you will receive a write-up, and will be directed to Ms. York or an administrator.

- **Consequences for inappropriate behavior in-school**

- A student receiving Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) for 10 days will not be allowed to participate in athletics unless agreed upon by administration.
- A student receiving Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) will miss the following two sports matches.
- A student receiving In-School Suspension (ISS) cannot participate in athletics that day. After 2 ISS incidents, there will be a 1-week suspension from the team.
- If a student receives 3 lunch detention consequences, it will be equated to 1 ISS and the student athlete cannot participate that day.
- A 3rd ISS suspension will result in removal from the team until reinstatement as agreed upon by the coach and administration.

## Athletic Attendance

Attendance to practice and games are vital to the success of our programs. It is expected that student athletes attend each scheduled practice/game on time and stay for its entire duration. It is understandable that unforeseen circumstances do happen, and athletes may have to leave early or miss events. When this does happen, it is both the athlete's and parents responsibility to communicate with the coach about these situations so that they are aware of what is going on. If athletes are late or miss a practice/game, the coaching staff has the right to limit participation in the next scheduled competition.

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It is important to remember that when you are on the field/court or in school, you may make a mistake; but do not get caught up on that mistake! You need to shake it off, keep doing your best, and understand that everyone makes mistakes; it is what you do after that mistake that matters most. We look forward to a fun season, so come ready to learn the fundamentals of the game and to work hard. Doing these two things will allow us to have a great year!

By signing below, you are indicating that you have read and understand the expectations, as well as the outlined consequences for you/your student athletes' behavior for the upcoming athletic season.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_