

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Extra-Curricular Activities (This includes all MSHSAA Activities)

Extra-curricular activities shall be managed in such a manner as to bring out their maximum benefits with a minimum of interference with the regular program. The Hollister R-V School District requires, in addition to MSHSAA academic and citizenship standards, the following:

- A student will be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities if he/she receives two failing grades at the end of a quarter or semester grading period. The student may regain his/her eligibility if the student's academic record meets appropriate standards.
- If a student is ineligible and cannot participate in a function of a class taking place outside of regular school hours, and the instructor bases a portion of the grade on that function, the instructor is to permit the student to do alternative assignments in order for him/her to have an opportunity to earn a good grade.
- A student may practice, but may not participate in any contest or school function held outside of the normal school day while on the ineligibility list. If a student is ineligible at the time of tryouts for an event in the following school year, that student may try out.
- Students must be in attendance at least four instructional periods to be eligible for participation in an event that day, unless prior administrative approval is given.
- Transportation will be provided to all extra-curricular events. Participating students are required to ride the bus to all events unless prior administrative approval is given. Students may be signed out to ride home with their parents following an event. No one other than a parent/guardian will be allowed to sign for a student without prior administrative approval.

MSHSAA Requirements

1. BONA FIDE STUDENT

In order to represent your school, you must be a bona fide student and meet all eligibility requirements. You must be enrolled in and regularly attending classes at the member school and meet the academic requirements in MSHSAA By-Law 213 and those of your local school.

2. CITIZENSHIP

- a. You must be a credible citizen. Creditable citizens are those students whose conduct - both in school and out of school - will not reflect discredit upon themselves or their school.
- b. NOTE: Conduct by the student involving law enforcement should be reported to your principal immediately as your conduct may affect eligibility or contest outcomes.
- c. A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities under any municipal ordinance, misdemeanor or felony statute shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded and any penalty (i.e. jail time, fine, court costs, etc.) or special condition of probation (i.e. restitution, community service, counseling, etc.) has been satisfied. If law enforcement authorities determine that charges will not be filed, eligibility will be contingent upon local school policies.
- d. After a student has completed all court appearances and penalties, and has satisfied all special conditions of probation and remains under general probation only, local school authorities shall determine eligibility.
- e. Moving traffic offenses shall not affect eligibility, unless they involve drugs, alcohol, or injuries to others.

3. ACADEMICS (GRADES 9-12)

- a. Semester Prior to Participation: The student shall have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater, or a student must have made standard progress for his or her level the preceding semester in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.
- b. Semester of Participation: The student shall currently be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater; or a student must be enrolled in a full course at his or her level in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.
- c. 80% Credit Requirement: The calculation of the credit requirement described in 3-a and 3-b above for all enrolled students at the school shall be based on the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled at the member school during the normal school day due to the academic system that the member school has selected (7-hour day, block schedule, etc.) Credits earned in school-sponsored "extra" classes taken beyond the normal school day may be used toward academic eligibility. Internet classes offered by and at the member school and which are completed no later than the close of the semester with credit placed on the student's transcript can be counted toward academic eligibility. (See also By-Law 2.3.4 regarding other courses that may be utilized.)
- d. If you are beginning the 9th grade, you must have been promoted prior to the beginning of the school year. You must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation as determined by your local school's policies. Do not drop courses without first consulting with your school principal, athletic administrator or counselor to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.

4. NON-SCHOOL COMPETITION

- a. You may not practice for or participate with a non-school team or in any organized non-school athletic competition and for your school team in the same sport during the same season of the school team. Swimming and diving has a special exception. Contact your school's athletic director for specific details.
- b. You may participate on a school team and a non-school team in different sports during the same season; however, you may not practice for the non-school team or participate in organized non-school athletic competition on the same day that you practice with or participate for the school team without prior approval of your school administrator.
- c. You must receive approval in advance from your school principal in order to miss school time to practice for, travel to or compete in organized non-school athletic competition.
- d. You will become ineligible in any sport in which you play as a member of a junior college, college or university team.
- e. You may participate in international competition during the school year, however, the competition must meet the established criteria published in the MSHSAA Official Handbook and must be approved in advance by the MSHSAA Board of Directors.
- f. Before you join a non-school team or enter any non-school competitive athletic event, your school principal or athletic administrator should be consulted to make certain these standards are met.

5. SPORTSMANSHIP

- a. If you should commit an unsportsmanlike act while participating in an event, you could become ineligible.
- b. If your conduct as a spectator is found to be unsportsmanlike, you could be barred from attending any further high school athletic contests.
- c. The unsportsmanlike conduct of any spectator – regardless of age – could cause that spectator to be barred from attending school athletic contests.