

MONTICELLO
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25
EXTRACURRICULAR CODE

PURPOSE

The Board of Education and staff of Monticello Community Unit School District No. 25 have adopted this Extracurricular Code that applies to all students in grades 6-12 who desire to participate in competitive or performance extracurricular activities. This policy applies in addition to other policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct and imposes additional requirements on student extracurricular participants.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege available to qualified students. There is no right of students to participate in athletic competition, to participate in sports or cheerleading activities, or to participate in any other school governed extracurricular activities. Those who participate in extracurricular activities have a responsibility to favorably represent the school and community. Student extracurricular participants and athletes are expected to conduct themselves both in and out of school in a manner appropriate to their responsibilities as representatives of Monticello Community Unit School District No. 25. Strict adherence to the rules and policies set forth in the Extracurricular Code is a responsibility, which accompanies the privilege of participation. If a student fails to comply with the terms of this Code, the privilege to participate in extracurricular activities may be lost in accordance with the terms of this Extracurricular Code.

Administration reserves the right to modify this policy as necessary to fit particular situations and/or preserve the welfare and safety of the children and/or the safety, order, and discipline of the building

The rules set forth in this Extracurricular Code are in effect throughout the calendar year, twenty-four (24) hours a day, whether or not school is in session and including vacation periods, and holidays. The rules apply on and off campus and whether or not the misconduct occurs at school or a school-sponsored activity or in some other locale. The rules apply from the beginning of the participant's first tryout or practice in the first activity, which the participant attempts until the completion of the participant's extracurricular eligibility in all activities.

- I. An administrator, coach, sponsor, faculty member, or law enforcement official who has reliable information from any source, including from his/her personal observation, that a student has violated these rules, shall promptly notify the Assistant Principal/Activities Director (AP/AD) of the violation and the circumstances. For purposes of this policy, the AP/AD shall oversee all extracurricular infractions.

The AP/AD shall investigate the occurrence which gives rise to the charge. If the AP/AD determines that discipline may be warranted, based upon the facts as determined by his or her investigation, he or she shall conduct an informal meeting with the student, at which time he shall:

- A. Give the student the oral notice of the charge; and
- B. In the event the student denies that charge, give the student an explanation of the evidence and facts leading to the charge, and an opportunity to present his/her version.

If the AP/AD determines the allegations to be true, he or she shall temporarily suspend the student if warranted from participation in all extracurricular activities until a meeting is held by the Extracurricular Review Committee, as provided herein.

II. Extracurricular Review Committee:

- A. The Review Committee will consist of a set group of three head athletic coaches, two extracurricular sponsors, and the AP/AD or Principal.
- B. The role of the AP/AD and/or Principal is to investigate, facilitate, guide, and provide input to the Review Committee as requested.
- C. The role of the Review Committee is to make a determination if any violation of the Extracurricular Code occurred, and to enforce suspension/penalty as set by the extracurricular code.

III. Action by Extracurricular Review Committee:

- A. The Review Committee will meet within one week from said offense with student, unless school is not in session, then the Review Committee would meet in the first week after returning to school. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the student's behavior and to determine whether the offense occurred. Each situation presented to the Review Committee will be evaluated on a case by case basis. All decisions for suspensions/penalties will be based on each specific situation and or case. The Review Committee's decision for suspension/penalty for the participant may be different for each violation of the extracurricular code. The Review Committee determines the type, length, and amount of suspension/penalty per case. If the Review Committee believes that an offense has been committed, then it shall impose a suspension/penalty with approximate mitigation due to the situation or circumstances.
- B. If dissatisfied with the decision of the Review Committee, the student and/or parent/guardian may request a hearing before the Principal and/or Superintendent to review the Review Committee's decision. If dissatisfied with the decision of the Superintendent, the student and/or parent/guardian may request a hearing before the MCUSD #25 Board of Education.

The Review Committee, including AP/AD; student; parent/guardian may be present. The AP/AD shall present the evidence against the student. The parent/student may present the evidence that they have.

- IV. No student at Monticello School District will conduct himself or herself in an unsportsmanlike manner. This includes but is not limited to swearing, stealing, and disrespect for any school personnel, vandalism, and other serious acts of misbehavior. Coaches or sponsors may immediately punish students for behavior which is unbecoming of a representative of the team or activity in question. This may include dismissal from the team if warranted. Prior to dismissing a student from the team, the coach or sponsor shall discuss the student's behavior with him/her and provide an opportunity for the student to respond. Misconduct, which occurs outside the presence of the coach or sponsor, shall be reported to the AP/AD as provided in Section I. Coaches and extracurricular sponsors may have rules and regulations for participation in extracurricular activities above and beyond the extracurricular code.
- V. All participants shall be well groomed to best represent the Monticello School District in extracurricular activities. Specified rules regulating the dress or grooming of participants may be developed by the Sponsor of each respective activity. Team uniforms and equipment shall be required and no alterations will be allowed. No wearing apparel, attire, or jewelry shall be worn which displays any vulgarity, profanity, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any other message which is inconsistent with the pedagogical mission of the school. Other prohibitions shall be limited to regulating forms of dress or grooming which present health or safety concerns for the participant or other extracurricular participants.
- VI. Any student using or in possession of tobacco, illegal drugs (for purposes of this policy, look-a-like drugs, tobacco, or paraphernalia) and alcohol or committing any action which would constitute a violation of any criminal or civil ordinance or law will fall under this policy. Students violating this provision at any time or in any place shall receive penalties listed below. Attendance at a party where alcohol and/or drugs are being used/consumed is prohibited. Family activities and other formal gatherings where there is parental supervision and/or circumstances beyond the control of the student will not be considered as violating this code as long as the student is not in possession of, or using alcohol, drugs, or tobacco (i.e. wedding receptions, family reunions, professional sporting events, bowling alleys, pizza parlors, etc). Riding in a vehicle where alcohol or drugs are being transported or consumed is prohibited. All activities that a student is involved in will be subject to the following consequences:
- First Offense:
1. Suspension/penalty from extracurricular activity for 50% of the season or events scheduled beginning at the student's next game or activity.
 2. If the violation occurs during the season, and the 50% suspension/penalty cannot be completed, the suspension/penalty will be for the remainder of that season with the balance of the 50% charged to the next activity of participation for that student's next possible competition or event.
- Second Offense:
1. Suspension/penalty from extracurricular activity for the entire season or activity.

Third Offense:

1. Suspension/penalty from extracurricular activities for one calendar year. Repeat offenses during a calendar year suspension/penalty may result in a one additional calendar year suspension/penalty from the date as determined by the Review Committee.

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- VII. Serving a suspension/penalty
 - A. Students may participate in additional athletic sports and/or extracurricular activities.
 - B. A student participant must complete the season/activity in good standing as determined by the athletic coach or sponsor.
 - C. If at any time while serving a suspension/penalty, a student chooses not to follow the coaches/sponsors stipulations, no credit will be given for any time served for the suspension/penalty. The suspension/penalty shall be served at the beginning of the student's next athletic season or event.
 - D. All honors and awards will be forfeited for an uncompleted extracurricular season.

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