

1 Activity Participation Code of Conduct

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3 Policy Duration and Coverage

4 This policy applies to middle and high school students who are involved in the extra- and co-
5 curricular activities program. This policy is in effect each school year from the date of the first
6 practice for fall activities until the last day of school or activities, whichever is later. Violations
7 are cumulative, through the student's period of attendance in grades 6-8 and in grades 9-12. The
8 Administration shall publish the participation rules annually in the activities and student
9 handbooks.

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11 General Conduct

12 The School District requires adherence to a strict code of conduct athletes and other participants
13 in any athletic activity and/or extra-curricular activity. The code of conduct noted at District
14 Policy 3310 and the student handbook applies to all students participating in any athletic or
15 extra-curricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the Montana High School Association
16 (MHSA) or the School District. A student participating in any athletic activity and/or extra-
17 curricular activity and his or her parent/guardian shall sign a form acknowledging receipt of an
18 adherence to the code of conduct.

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20 Coaches and advisors will promptly report violations of the code of conduct to the principal.
21 Violations of the code of conduct will result in discipline up to an including suspension from the
22 activity, suspension from school and activities, and expulsion from school. Persistent violations
23 of the code of conduct may also result in the removal of the student from activities. Failure to
24 promptly report a possible violation may result in discipline of the coach or advisor. Suspicion of
25 child abuse or neglect will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

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27 Extra - and Co - Curricular Chemical Use Policy

28 Students participating in extra- and co-curricular activities, whether sponsored by the MHSA or
29 not, shall not use, have in possession, sell, purchase, or distribute alcohol, tobacco products,
30 alternative nicotine and vapor products, or illegal drugs or abuse prescription or non-prescription
31 drugs during their extracurricular seasons. These rules are in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day.
32 If a student receives a MIP or is seen using tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, or illicit drugs, the
33 student will forfeit the ability of participating in accordance with the activities and student
34 handbooks.

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36 Student and Parent/Legal Guardian Due Process

37 If a determination is made that a student has violated this policy, the student and parent/guardian
38 shall be notified of the violation by telephone and mail. Also at this time, the student and parent
39 or guardian shall be notified of the type of discipline that will be administered or recommended
40 to the Board.

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42 Prior to the imposition of any suspension form activity participation the student and parent or
43 legal guardian shall have the right to participate in any investigation into alleged misconduct.

1 This participation includes the opportunity for the student to explain the version of the events
2 and provide any explanation or supporting evidence.

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4 If the discipline involves the recommended expulsion of a high school student from participation
5 in extra- and/or co-curricular activities for a period in excess of twenty (20) days, the parent and
6 student will be notified of the date and time the Board will consider the recommendation. Only
7 the Board can expel a high school student from participation in extra- and/or co-curricular
8 activities except in the circumstance that an organization governing the rules and regulations of a
9 particular extra- and/or co-curricular activity recommends the expulsion of a student from
10 participation (i.e. – National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, etc.).

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12 Cross Reference: 3300 Corrective Actions and Punishment
13 3310 Student Discipline

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15 Legal Reference: § 20-4-302, MCA Discipline and punishment of pupils –
16 definition of corporal punishment – penalty
17 – defense
18 § 20-5-202, MCA Suspension and expulsion

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