

MCGREGOR HIGH SCHOOL

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES POLICY

I. STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

McGregor High School extracurricular activities exist for the benefit of the students. Through participation in extracurricular activities students will have the opportunity to develop skills in cooperation, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

II. ATHLETICS

1. Athletics are competitive, and winning games becomes a greater goal the higher the level of competition. In Junior High, participation and learning skills is stressed. In Junior Varsity and Varsity, the goal of winning the contest dictates playing time for each team member.

2. Coaches have different philosophies and styles of leadership. The coach is responsible for conveying these to the players. Coaches determine who will play, and how much each player will play. Coaches will formulate rules for attendance and behavior.

III. LETTERS AND AWARDS

Activity letters are awarded to students who meet the requirements of each program. Students receive the letter award the first year. Pins and/or chevrons are awarded for each succeeding year.

1. Requirements for all activities

- A. Abide by all Minnesota State High School League rules, McGregor School policies and activity requirements.
- B. Show loyalty to the team, school, and community
- C. Be a good example of good sportsmanship and cooperation.

2. Individual activity requirements will be determined by coaches/directors.

IV. EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY

The McGregor School Board recognizes the importance of student participation in extracurricular activities. The Board further recognizes that students who participate in extracurricular activities are representatives of our school and community and are expected to be examples of good conduct. Therefore, the Board adopts this policy which sets eligibility requirements for participation in extracurricular activities. Areas covered by this policy include student use of alcohol, tobacco, and chemicals and academic achievement.

DEFINITIONS

Category I Activities: those Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)-sponsored activities in which a member school has a schedule of interscholastic contests. Cheerleading and Speech are included as category I Activities.

Category II Activities: those MSHSL-sponsored activities in which a member school does *not* have a schedule of interscholastic contests, exclusive of League-sponsored tournaments:

Fine Arts Activities:

- 1) Speech activities including One Act Play when a school schedules no interscholastic contests and participates only in the League-sponsored tournament series.
- 2) Music Activities.

All other clubs and activities are considered Category II Activities. (FCCLA, Student Council, Chess Club, Jazz Band, Play, Knowledge Bowl, NHS, SADD, etc.)

SECTION 1 - Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, Controlled Substance

1. During the calendar year, regardless of the quantity, a student shall not:

- A. use a beverage containing alcohol;
- B. use tobacco; or,
- C. use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away any other controlled substance.

(See Bylaw 304.00 - Ineligible Player)

2. Penalties and Recommendations for Category I Activities

A. McGregor High School will follow the MSHSL guidelines for Alcohol, Tobacco, and Controlled Substance Violations. This will include Jr. High Students.

B. Accumulative Penalties:

Penalties shall be accumulative beginning with the student's first participation on a high school team or activity - B-squad, junior varsity or varsity - and continuing throughout the student's high school career.

3. Penalties for Category II Activities

The MSHSL has instructed schools to develop their own policies for Category II activities. The penalties for Category II activities vary by activity. They are:

First Offense:

Jazz Band, Knowledge Bowl, and Math League - 1 event
School Play - Out of play for the year
All Other Category II Activities - no participation for 3 weeks

Second Offense:

Jazz Band, Knowledge Bowl, and Math League - 2 events
All Other Category II Activities - no participation for 4 weeks

Third Offense and Subsequent Offenses:

Jazz Band, Knowledge Bowl, and Math League - 3 events
All Other Category II Activities - no participation for 5 weeks

SECTION 2 - Academic Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, a student must be maintaining passing grades in all classes. If a student receives an "F" as a final quarter grade, the student will be ineligible for the following number of games/meets. (NOTE - An "NC" is considered to be the same as an "F") This also applies to online, PSEO, and other forms of "off-campus" educational opportunities. If a student withdraws from an off-campus course in the allotted time frame, and a "W" is granted, they will remain eligible.

Cross Country	1 meet	Football	1 game	Volleyball	2 matches	Basketball	3 games
Track	2 meets	Baseball	3 games	Softball	3 games	Cheerleading	3 games

For Category II activities, the penalty will be the same as the penalty for Use of Alcohol, Tobacco or Controlled Substance (first offense). For the activities that have a 15 day penalty, the first day of the ineligibility will be the first school day following the mailing of grade reports.

Junior High Academic Eligibility

Academically ineligible 7th and 8th grade students will be subject to the following penalties:

Cross Country	1 meet	Football	1/2 game	Volleyball	1 match	Basketball	2 games
Track	2 meets	Baseball	2 games	Softball	2 games	Cheerleading	3 games

After this, eligibility will be reinstated when all passing grades are established. The student must submit a written grade report showing all passing grades (signed by each teacher) to the coach/director. He/she is then eligible for the remainder of the quarter. If the student receives a failing grade for the 4th quarter, the period of ineligibility is carried over to the following fall.

V. ATTENDANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

1. Students who participate in any extracurricular activities, must be in school at least 3 entire class periods to participate in a practice or game/meet that school day. Absences for school related events will be accepted and participation permitted. In extraordinary situations, exceptions to this policy may be made by the Principal or Activities Director.

2. Students participating in an extracurricular activity for which school transportation is provided must use that transportation. Exceptions will be granted for students who are riding with their parent or the parent of another student, provided that the coach/director is notified in writing or in person by the student's parent.

VI. CODE OF CONDUCT

A student who is dismissed from school or violates the MSHSL Student Code of Responsibilities is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as determined by the school principal acting on the authority of the local board of education. (MSHSL Bylaw 206.3). A student may appeal a code of conduct suspension to the Student Hearings Committee of the McGregor School Board.