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Belle Fourche Middle School Co - Curricular Activities

Purpose

All extra-curricular activities are designed for the development of progressive skills. Beginning with simple skills and progressing to the more complex, all students will be encouraged to become more confident in themselves. Extra-curricular activities will be considered any sport, activity, club or program sponsored or sanctioned by the School District. The two major areas of activities are athletic (football, basketball, etc.) and non-athletic (plays, debate, music, etc.). In both areas, the following will be considered:

1. Each student's capability.
2. Each student's natural and developed talent.
3. Each student's ability to share, support and cooperate.
4. Each student's ability to be a good sport and to develop sportsmanship in others.
5. Each student's ability to develop the team or group concept.
6. Each student's ability to try when given direction by a supervisor, even when they may not agree with the reason or purposes of the supervisor.
7. Each student's ability to win and lose graciously.

Eligibility

Belle Fourche Middle School participants will be required to meet the following standards before participating in extra-curricular activities. Each Middle School student in a High School activity will abide by the following standards and High School eligibility standards before participating in extra-curricular activities.

1. Eligibility will run Monday through Monday, and it will begin after the first contest is over. Students earning a failing grade in any course will be considered ineligible. If a student is on the ineligible list, that student may become eligible the next Monday if all grades are passing. Eligibility for non-athletic extracurricular activities will align with a sport of that quarter.
 - a. Eligibility will be based on the grade listed in Parent Portal on Monday.
 - b. Teachers compile their list of students who are failing on Monday during teaming and submit the list to the office with final corrections by the end of the day.
 - c. Teachers are responsible for notifying students if they put them on the eligibility list.
 - d. Ineligible students will be allowed to practice.
2. Each student must have parental permission and official certification from a competent physician. These forms must be on file in the Belle Fourche Middle School office.

3. Students must be in school the morning or afternoon; whichever directly precedes that event, in order to be eligible to participate. (Exceptions may be allowed for family emergencies and prearranged absences approved by the administration).
4. If a student has been assigned In-School Suspension or Out-of-School Suspension, the student must serve the suspension time before becoming eligible.
5. Written notice of any temporary disability must be given to the principal and/or school nurse. In case of pregnancy, this notice must be given at least 4 months before the expected delivery date. This must be accompanied by a written notice from the attending physician stating the activities the student can take part in and shall give specific dates of participation.
6. If a student is assigned detention the day of a practice, the student must serve the detention before participating in practice. The served detention will be considered an unexcused tardy for practice. Coaches will determine consequences for detention.
7. Coaches/advisors are responsible for getting a complete list of participants to teachers the day of the first contest.
8. Belle Fourche Middle School students may ride home with a parent or legal guardian providing there is a written and verbal request at the event to which it pertains. Students are required to ride with the team to the event unless special circumstances arise and prior consent is given.
9. Use and possession of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs/narcotics, theft and vandalism while on school property or during participating in school related activities are prohibited. Violations may result in permanent suspension from the activity.

Pre-Participation Requirements:

All participants, prior to the first practice, must return to the activity supervisor the following:

1. Health statement and permission by physician to participate (athletes and cheerleaders)
2. Written permission by parent or guardian to participate
3. Insurance waiver
4. Emergency medical treatment authorization
5. Signature of parent / guardian for BFMS extra-curricular form
6. Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct Form
7. Transportation Form

Basic Rules:

1. **ALCOHOL**—The drinking or possession of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited. Any establishment whose primary business is serving alcoholic beverages is OFF LIMITS unless the athlete is accompanied by his/her parents or legal guardian. This includes house parties serving alcoholic beverages and/or “keggers”.
2. **TOBACCO**—The use or possession of tobacco is prohibited.
3. **ILLEGAL DRUGS OR NARCOTICS**—The use or possession of illegal drugs or narcotics including marijuana is prohibited.
4. **THEFT**—Theft of school property, theft on school premises, theft during or at school-related activities or theft while under school supervision is prohibited.
5. **MISCONDUCT**—Any participant displaying unacceptable conduct on or off school premises may subject the participant to suspension or other disciplinary action. Examples of misconduct are as follows:
 - a. Indignant attitude, including insubordination, during the activity.
 - b. Indignant attitude, including insubordination or use of obscene or unacceptable language in the classroom, in the school or during the activity.
 - c. Destruction of property in the community or elsewhere.
 - d. Violation of any of the laws of the State of South Dakota while on school premises, during or at a school-related activity, or while under school supervision.
 - e. Any conduct not considered proper by the activity supervisor or appropriate administrator, as may be defined in writing, may result in disciplinary action.

Violation of any of the above “Basic Rules” shall subject the participant to immediate suspension from all co-curricular activities for a minimum of:

Football—one (1) contest
Golf—one (1) contest
Cross Country—one (1) contest
Track—one (1) contest
Wrestling—one (1) contest
Volleyball—one (1) contest
Basketball—one (1) contest
Cheerleading—one (1) contest
Other Extra-Curricular Activities—one (1) contest

During the period of suspension, the participant must meet with the activity supervisors involved and/or the administrator. A 2ND VIOLATION will result in suspension from that particular activity for the remainder of the year. A 3RD VIOLATION will result in suspension from all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

*****Violations will be accumulative for the current school year only.*****

All activity supervisors are encouraged to develop written rules or regulations pertaining to their particular activity, in addition to the foregoing rules, such as, but not limited to, training rules and hours, etc. The foregoing rules and any other written rules and regulations developed by the activity supervisor are to be enforced by the activity supervisor with appropriate disciplinary action.

Before implementing any disciplinary measure, the activity supervisor shall advise the participant of all alleged violation and provide the participant an opportunity to respond to the allegation. Any aggrieved participant may appeal any action through the established School Board GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.

Guidelines for Awards:

Students participating in Extra-Curricular Activities are eligible to receive a certificate or award providing they meet the following requirements:

1. Meet all requirements listed under Eligibility.
2. Meet all the participation requirements as determined by supervisors.

Students participating in co-curricular activities may receive special awards for exemplary conduct during participation in an activity, such as extraordinary effort, teamwork, individual improvement, etc., or for exhibiting qualities that enhance the atmosphere and reputation of the sport, activity and school, such as sportsmanship, individual performances, etc., as determined by supervisors.

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