

STUDENT- ATHLETE HANDBOOK 2021-22



ATHLETIC / STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Athletic Code of Conduct

Participation in the Nixyaawii athletic program is a privilege. With this privilege come certain responsibilities since student athletes represent Nixyaawii Community School in the classroom, in the hallways, in the athletic arena, and in the community. The Athletic Code of Conduct is in effect 365 days of the year, 24 hours a day and 7 days per week.

Physical Examinations

Students in grades 9 through 12 must have a physical examination performed by a physician prior to practice and competition in athletics and shall additionally have a physical examination once every two years and after either a significant illness or a major surgery prior to further participation. The physical examination is the responsibility of the parent/student and is to be paid for by the parent/student.

Records of the examination must be submitted to the district and will be kept on file and reviewed by the coach prior to the start of any sport season.

Students shall not participate without a completed school sports examination form on file with the district.

Organizations and Clubs

Student clubs and performing groups such as the native performance drum and dance, chess, poetry, national honor society and athletic teams may establish rules of conduct - and consequences for misconduct that are stricter than those for students in general. If a violation is also a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, the consequences specified by the district shall apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization.

Dances/social events (JFC)

The rules of good conduct and grooming shall be observed for school dances and social events. Guests will be expected to observe the same rules as students attending the events. The person inviting the guest will share responsibility for the conduct of the guest and must obtain a dance pass from the office signed by the principal one week before the event.

Anyone leaving before the official end of the activity will not be readmitted. If a student is asked to leave the dance/social event for any reason, that student will not be allowed to attend the next dance/social event sponsored by the school. If the guest of a student is asked to leave a dance/social event, that guest will not be allowed back for a dance/social event for the rest of the semester.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The following regulations pertain to extra-curricular participation at Nixyaawii Community School. Extra-curricular activities shall include (but not be limited to) the following:

1. Athletics
2. School Sponsored Clubs (National Honor Society, Poetry, Esports, Chess, Drum and Dance)

Parental acknowledgment of extra-curricular policies

We believe that the responsibility of the athlete to his/her fellow athletes is important; therefore, these policies will be in effect from the signed date until the sport season ends (7 days a week, 24 hours a day), if the student participates in more than one activity during the school year, the policy will begin with the first official day of practice. Each student and parent/guardian shall read all of the enclosed material and certify, by their signatures, that they understand the Drug/Alcohol Policies and other Athletic/Activity Code of Conduct Policies of Nixyáawii Community School. The signed informed consent waiver will be filed in the Student's file.

Extra-curricular philosophy statement

This philosophy and guidelines are provided to better communicate to students and parents the expectations of the Nixyáawii extra-curricular program. All Oregon School Activity Association rules will be enforced.

Participation in athletics/activities at Nixyáawii Community School is a **privilege and not a right** guaranteed to the student.

Athletics/activities truly is the other half of education. Athletics provide an opportunity for positive student interaction with peers and adults in the school setting, and our community at large. Athletics also help teach our athletes the following skills:

Make Decisions: Quickly, accurately in accordance with the team effort.

Learn Confidence: In themselves, the coaching staff, and their teammates.

Have Courage: Courage when the going is the toughest.

Accept a Commitment: Everyone has a job to do if the goal is to be achieved.

Keep Physically Fit

Follow the practice of good Sportsmanship

Fulfill the personal values of Teamwork

OSAA Sportsmanship Statement

Interscholastic activities are an integral part of the educational curriculum and experience. High school activities promote the character development of participants, enhance the educational mission and promote civility in society.

Therefore, student-athletes, coaches, spectators and all others associated with high school activities programs and events should adhere to the fundamental values of respect, fairness, honesty, and responsibility. These values should be established as a priority among all OSAA member high schools.

The Nixyáawii Athletic Department and the Oregon Schools Activities Association strongly emphasize sportsmanship in athletics. You may have seen the logo "Be a Good Sport." We continually emphasize to all our students the importance of good sportsmanship. We are asking for your cooperation and that of the coaches to set the example of good sportsmanship. Unfortunately, the poor behavior of a few reflects badly on all of us.

Nixyaawii Community School will follow all guidelines set forth by the OSAA.

To participate in any extracurricular school activity, a student must be enrolled in school and meet the OSAA guidelines for grades. (Rule 8.1: An eligible student is one who is enrolled in school, attending regularly and passing in subjects' equivalent to at least (5) credit of work, and who during the immediate preceding semester was enrolled in school, attended regularly and passed subjects equivalent to at least (5) credits of work.

Satisfactory Progress towards graduation

To be scholastically eligible, a student must also be making satisfactory progress towards the school's graduation requirements, earning a minimum of the quantity of credits indicated on the chart below for the specified year.

Credits to Grad.	Credits Per Year	(70%) Prior to Grade 10	(80%) Prior to Grade 11	(90%) Prior to Grade 12
25	6.25	4.5	10.5	17.5

In addition to the OSAA regulation, each student must maintain a 2.00 G.P.A. each quarter. The 2.00 G.P.A. will be determined at the end of each quarter.

Eligibility for fall activities will be determined by the previous quarter or summer school grades. A student who is not eligible for the quarter, will be allowed to practice, but will not be allowed to participate in any contests until their next quarter grades are verified. Students must pass all classes with at least a letter grade D. No student will be allowed to participate in a contest if he or she has an F on their quarter report card.

Students new to Nixyáawii Community School must meet OSAA guidelines in order to be eligible to participate in any activity. Students who receive incomplete grades will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities until the incomplete grade is completed if their G.P.A. would be below a 2.00.

If there are special circumstances that caused the students grades to be below the 2.00 G.P.A., they may appeal to the Eligibility Team. Students can only appeal once every 12 months. Special education students will be expected to follow the same guidelines; however, the eligibility team will determine the handicapping condition and will determine if the student is achieving at their academic level and if not why and adjust the educational program accordingly.

Special Education students who have fallen below a 2.00 GPA at the end of the first quarter of a grading period will have the opportunity to participate provided they meet the following criteria:

- Meet with the Eligibility Team, this team will consist of Principal, Athletic Director, and Advisor
- Have grades at least at or above a 2.00 GPA in the required time set by the eligibility team.
- Produce grade checks weekly to the Athletic Director to show that a 2.00 GPA is being maintained throughout the current season.
- If at any time the student falls below a 2.00 GPA in the prescribed time, that student shall become ineligible during that sport season.

Grade Check Policy

Students will need to maintain a 70% (C) in every class in order to play in a contest or participate in a school performance. Students who have a grade between 60%-69% (D) will be allowed to practice but not participate in contests or performances. Students that fall into the 60-69% (D) range will be given a (ONE) week probationary period and will be able to play/perform during this week of probation. **This is a ONE time only grace period per sport a student participates.** Students with a grade under 59% (F) **will not** be allowed to attend practice/contest/performance. All teachers will have an updated grade book on Monday morning. Grade checks will be run at 8:00am Monday.

Attendance:

Students may not participate in a scheduled activity or practice unless he/she has attended school all day in a classroom setting on the day of a scheduled event. In the case of a weeknight contest, an athlete must be in attendance the entire following day in order to participate in the next contest.

Students may not participate on the day in a scheduled practice or activity when an unexcused absence or unexcused class period occurs during the day of an event. **Also, students with two or more unexcused tardies during the day will not be able to participate.**

If a student is to miss a class or classes due to participation in an activity, it is his/her responsibility to get missed assignments handed in to the teacher the next scheduled day following the return from the activity. Failure to do so may result in future non- participation.

Hazing Policy

“Hazing” means intentionally taking action or creating a situation that inflicts physical harm, psychological harm, or distress on a student regardless of the consent or location of the participants. Any student-athlete participating in hazing activities or behaviors will be disciplined according to the school code of conduct and may be denied participation.

Transportation

All athletes are required to ride the school bus, when provided, to both the athletic contest and home from the athletic contest or practice unless prior arrangements are made with the coach in charge.

Practice Transportation: the school will make every effort to provide transportation to and from all co-op practices, but in some cases this will not always be possible. When transportation is not available, parents must provide their own transportation. When transportation is available, students will need to use it, unless they are riding with a parent. The school will not be held responsible for students who do not ride the school sponsored transportation.

Dual Participation

Some activities may permit students to participate in simultaneous activities and others may not. The coaches will not be expected to modify their programs to accommodate an individual

wishing to participate in multiple activities. Athletes participating in multiple activities will be expected to participate at the same level of performance as all other athletes involved in the respective programs.

If a student wishes to participate in multiple activities during the same sport season or seasons, the student must notify the coaches within one week of the OSAA beginning date for these activities. The coaches will discuss with the students their rules, expectations, and conflicts. The coaches will not be expected to modify their programs or rearrange practice schedules to accommodate a single individual. If after the meeting with each coach, the student wishes to participate in simultaneous activities a meeting will be held to discuss the possible conflicts that may arise and determine whether dual participation is possible. The meeting will include the student, a parent or guardian, the respective coaches, the athletic director and/or the high school principal. If mutual agreement can be reached between all parties, then the student will be allowed to participate in both activities. The athlete will designate one sport as the primary activity in case a scheduling conflict should arise. If conflicts cannot be resolved, the student athlete will be asked to choose between the two activities. Documentation of the meeting and results will be kept on file.

Uniforms and Equipment

Athletes are responsible for all school issued athletic equipment and should take pride in its care. Uniforms, warm-ups, and school issued practice gear are to be worn only at practices and games unless prior arrangements are made by the coach. All school issued equipment is to be returned in good and clean conditions within one week of the end of each season. If the equipment or uniforms have been lost or destroyed, they must be replaced or paid for at the end of the season by the student. Failure to comply with this procedure will mean the person involved will not be allowed to participate in any future sport or activity until the matter has been resolved. Grades and transcripts will also be withheld if requested.

Team Travel Clothing/Dress Code

Teams will wear matching travel gear or Principal/Athletic Director approved attire. This must be approved by the Athletic Director.

Athletic Lettering Policy

It is desired that the Varsity "N" be something that the athlete must earn by athletic ability, but not be so unattainable that only the outstanding athlete can achieve it. The qualification for earning an "N" will be determined by the coach in writing before the start of the season. Varsity letters can also be awarded at the coach's discretion. Athletes also must complete the season in good standing and return all school issued equipment.

Individual Team Rules

In addition to the aforementioned expectations and responsibilities, each team will have its own set of rules that coincide with the Code of Conduct. These rules may include, but are not limited to, punctuality, curfew, practice, game, travel dress, and appropriate behavior.

Overnight Travel

Each traveling member must pay a \$15.00 fee on all overnight trips. This must be paid prior to

loading the bus for the trip.

Travel Curfew

During any overnight trips the Coaches and Athletic Director will determine a curfew time. When the time is set, each player will be in their assigned room, with their assigned roommates of the same gender. Failure to follow any of the curfew guidelines will be subject to the following corrective actions

1st Offense: One Game Suspension 2nd Offense: Two Game Suspension 3rd Offense: Removal from the team

Weeknight Games:

The bus will not stop to eat after weeknight games. Players are encouraged to bring a sack lunch to eat after the game. This will help ensure that the student/athletes return to the school in a timely manner.

Ejection Policy in Regard to OSAA Sanctioned Athletic Contests

Brief explanation of the OSAA Ejection Policy:

If an athlete/coach is ejected from an OSAA sanctioned athletic contest, the athlete/coach will be barred from participating in the next scheduled athletic contest in which he/she has a majority of participation. In addition, the school will be subject to a fine of \$50 to be paid to the OSAA.

Each subsequent ejection during the sport season will result in increasing fines of \$50 increments. The OSAA and the Nixyáawii Community School take sportsmanship very seriously. We would like to impress upon our athletes and coaches that breaches in sportsmanship will not be tolerated. To ensure that those involved in athletic endeavors are held accountable for ejections, the following sanctions are indicated.

Any athlete ejected from an athletic contest is responsible for paying half of the fine levied against the school and be required to perform 4 hours of work service. In the event that an athlete is unable to pay, the athlete will make arrangements with the athletic director to perform a prescribed number of hours of work service to the school prior to the next game or extra-curricular event.

If the fine is greater than \$50, the athlete will pay half the fine **and** perform a prescribed number of hours of work service to the school. The number of hours of service would reflect the amount of the fine based upon minimum wage. Fines will be levied on a “per athlete” basis during each athletic season, which means that each athlete will be responsible for his or her ejection fines, not the cumulative fines of others. If an athlete is ejected from more than one contest during a given season, the athlete is responsible for his or her accumulated fine at \$25 per incident.

Any coach ejected from an athletic contest is responsible for paying the **full amount** of the fine levied against the school **and may be subject to disciplinary actions by the athletic department.**

Nixyáawii Community School athletic director and administration have the right to review any ejection situation and determine if the ejection warrants the athlete or coach’s responsibility for

the fine.

Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol Violations

Article 1. Statement of Policy

Section 1. No student shall use or be in possession of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs; nor shall he/she engage in any activity which would be in violation of the student conduct and discipline code sections covered by OAR 21-055, or any activity which could bring embarrassment upon Nixyáawii Community School, the team, club or organization to which they belong.

Nixyáawii Community School has developed a random student drug testing policy for extra-curricular activities for students. All students participating in athletics and school activities such as; **National Honor Society, Chess Club, Esports, Poetry Club, Drumming and Dance** will be subject to random drug testing. Board policy JFCIA can be referred to for testing procedures and questions pertaining to the testing. Students and parents must sign a consent form in order for the student to participate in the activity; failure to do so prohibits the student from being involved in activities.

No athlete or activities member should attend or remain at parties or other functions where alcohol, drugs, or tobacco are being used contrary to the provisions of Oregon Law. When an athlete discovers that alcohol and/or drugs are being used illegally he/she must promptly remove him/herself from the premises. The observation of a coach, teacher, or administrator, investigative evidence, the report of a police officer, and/or admission of a violation by an athlete is sufficient evidence for suspension.

DRUGS, TOBACCO, AND ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

FIRST OFFENSE or Self Admitter

- 1 week, no competition* **no participation in extra school activities**
- Parents will be notified of drug test results
- Mandatory random testing for 1 calendar year
- Further offenses go to second offense. Athlete must practice.
- Weekly check-in with Behavior Support Specialist.

The athlete/participant will sit out of competition for the determined number of consecutive days/weeks, starting from the date of notification. If competition has not begun at the time of notification, the total number of days will begin with the first game. Competition is defined as any conference, or non-conference game, any performance or club activity.

SECOND OFFENSE

- 4 weeks, no competition* **no participation in extra school activities**
- Parents will be notified of drug test results
- **The student will be referred to a licensed/certified A&D Counselor**
- A licensed/certified chemical dependency counselor will provide an assessment/screening process and determine the needs of the students and develop

a recommended treatment plan. The purpose of the treatment plan is to stop the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The expert will have broad but reasonable latitude to develop an individual treatment plan to achieve the goal. When developing the treatment plan, the expert will look at each individual case and the treatment plan will be based on individual need. Each plan will have its own unique characteristics. The responsibility for the implementation of the plan of action rests with the student.

- Mandatory random testing for 1 calendar year. After the 4 week suspension, a Negative UA will be required prior to competitive play. Athlete must practice.
- **Student-Athlete must be making satisfactory progress towards completion of the program prescribed by the A and D Counselor. If progress is not being made as prescribed, the student-athlete will be ineligible to participate.**

THIRD OFFENSE

- **NO competition or participation in extra school activities for 1 calendar year.**
- **The student will be referred to a licensed/certified A&D Counselor**
- A licensed/certified chemical dependency counselor will provide an assessment/screening process and determine the needs of the students and develop a recommended treatment plan. The purpose of the treatment plan is to stop the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The expert will have broad but reasonable latitude to develop an individual treatment plan to achieve the goal. When developing the treatment plan, the expert will look at each individual case and the treatment plan will be based on individual need. Each plan will have its own unique characteristics. The responsibility for the implementation of the plan of action rests with the student.
- Negative UA whenever random testing takes place for 1 calendar year if they are participating in an extra-curricular activity.
- **Student-Athlete will be ineligible from participating in any extra-curricular activities, until program is completed.**

FOURTH OFFENSE

- No further options to participate in extra- curricular activities

NOTES:

It is the responsibility of the student and the parents for all the incurred costs for testing and treatment.

During the treatment plan if a student has an unexcused absence from any appointment/meeting (group or individual), the student will not be allowed to participate in the following activities until they have met with their counselor.

If the student tests positive or levels of use increase during the treatment plan, the student will be moved to the next offense; for example, if a student is on their first offense for marijuana and

during a UA the THC level of the student increases, they will be moved to the second offense.

After the student has met with the expert and a plan of action is determined, the student will be given one week longer than the length of the plan to complete the plan of action, meaning if the expert decides that the student needs 8 weeks to complete the plan of action, the student will be given 9 weeks to complete the plan of action.

If the student fails to meet the timeline, they will be ineligible from participating in any extra-curricular activities until completed.

To ensure that the confidentiality of each student is upheld, each student and parent will need to sign the confidentiality sheet so that the school may communicate with the expert that the family chooses to use.

NIXYÁAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL Code: JFCIA

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY DRUG TESTING

DEFINITIONS:

Drug: Any substance considered illegal by Oregon Statute or which the Food & Drug Administration controls. Alcohol is included.

Athlete: Any student participating in interscholastic athletic programs, including cheerleaders, sponsored by Nixyáawii Community School.

Season: Fall, Winter, & Spring seasons begin on the first day of practice and end the day prior to the next season as determined by the OSAA.

Positive Test: The presence of any level of alcohol or drugs other than prescription medications. (See Procedure 4).

PROCEDURES:

1. Consent

Each student involved in interscholastic athletics or cheerleading will be required to provide a signed consent form prior to joining the program. Both students and parent/guardian signatures are required.

2. Non punitive Nature of Policy

Students will not be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs under this policy. Nor will athlete drug tests be documented in any student's academic records.

The information gathered under this policy will only be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities in order to comply with lawful court orders or subpoenas. In the event of such legal compulsion, the District will notify parents/guardians at least 72 hours prior to releasing information.

3. Testing Rules

All students' athletes, including cheerleaders, may be tested during any athletic season at the discretion of the principal. Students joining a program after the season starts may be tested if the rest of the team was tested earlier.

Additionally, random testing may be conducted at least every two weeks throughout each season at the principal's discretion.

A minimum of 5% and a maximum of 25% of all extra-curricular participants will be tested at each test period as determined by the principal. The total percentage will be split evenly between male and female.

4. Procedures for Testing

Selection for testing will be by random procedures from a pool of all current participants. The principal will take due precautions to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of the selection process.

No individual involved in the selection process will be able to identify students or determine the selection of a particular student for testing. The high school athletic director or principal will be notified on the day students are selected for testing and will arrange for samples to be taken the same day. Absent students may provide the sample the day they return to school. Any student unable to provide the sample at the requested time will be accompanied to a medical facility to obtain a sample that same day. Those selected for testing will be given the option of doing so in private. Students who refuse to provide a sample will be considered to have tested positive and will be subject to the procedures listed in Article 1 under the Nixyáawii Community School Athletic Code for Drugs, Tobacco, and Alcohol Violations. Students who attempt to substitute or adulterate samples as indicated by the lab will be considered to have tested positive and will be subjected to procedures listed in Article 1 under the Nixyáawii Community School Athletic Code.

Students who produce a diluted specimen collection will be considered to have tested positive. A second specimen collection will be taken as soon as possible following a negative, but diluted (specimen criteria unacceptable) result. A second dilute specimen, without legitimate medical explanation, would follow the same consequences as a positive drug test.

5. Prescription Medications

Students on prescription medications will provide a copy of the prescription or physician's written verification to school personnel at the time a sample is collected. Any information provided in this manner will be sealed in an envelope and forwarded to the testing lab with the sample and instructions to consider the medication in the processing of the sample. Prescriptions or doctor's verifications will not be reviewed by school officials and may be presented in sealed envelopes.

Students who do not provide verification and test positive will be subject to the measures specified under the Nixyáawii Community School Athletic Code of these procedures.

6. Scope of Tests and Confidentiality of Results

The laboratory will be instructed to test for one or more drugs at the time of each testing and prior to the student selection process. Samples will not be screened for the presence of any

substances other than drugs, alcohol and nicotine. Test results will only be provided to the principal or the principal's designee.

All test information will be treated confidentially.

7. Positive Results

Whenever an athlete's test results indicate the presence of drugs, alcohol, or nicotine (a positive test), the steps will be followed as stated in the Nixyáawii Community School Athletic/Activity Code for a violation.

Legal Reference:

ORS 332.107 OAR 581-021-0050 to 0075

ORS 336.067 OAR 581-022-0413

ORS 336.222 OAR 581-052-0015

ORS 336.227 OAR 581-052-0545 (4) @

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ORS 339.240 OAR 581-053-0550 (5)(t,u,v,)

ORS 339.250 OAR 584-020-0040

ORS Chapter 475

Vernonia SD 47J v. Acton, 115 S.Ct. 2386

(1995)

STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

- A. Students shall comply with the written rules of the school district board, pursue the prescribed course of study, submit to the lawful authority of teachers and school officials, and conduct themselves in an orderly fashion.
- B. Students shall be liable to discipline, suspension or expulsion for misconduct, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Theft
 - 2. Disruption of school
 - 3. Damage or destruction of school property
 - 4. Damage or destruction of private property on school premises or during a school activity.
 - 5. Assault or threats of harm
 - 6. Knowingly participating in acts of violence via videoing and or staging such an act.
 - 7. Unauthorized use of weapons or dangerous instruments
 - 8. Possession or use of illegal drugs, narcotics tobacco or alcoholic beverages
 - 9. Persistent failure to comply with rules or the lawful directions of teachers or school officials.

Article II. NOTIFICATION OF CHARGES AND EVIDENCE

Section 1. Students who are accused of violations of the extra-curricular activity code shall be

notified of the charges against them.

Section 2. The parents of any student accused of violation of the code shall receive written notification of the charges. The notification shall be as prompt as is reasonably practical. Every effort will be made to have a conference with the parents within 2 days.

Article III. HEARING

Section 1. If requested by the student, a hearing will be held before the Eligibility Council. At this hearing, the charges against the student will be reviewed and their validity will be decided. Students will present their own case.

Parents or parent substitutes may be present at the hearing.

Section 2. During this hearing, the charges will be reviewed, a decision rendered, then reviewed by the principal and/or school board.

Article IV. LIMIT OF JURISDICTION

Section 1. The coaches, administrators, teachers, school officials, and parents are responsible for enforcing the code. The Eligibility Council shall consist of the Athletic Director, head coaching staff, Counselor, Teacher and Principal. Voting members of the Eligibility Council will be the Principal, Counselor, Athletic Director and the head coaches at the hearing. The Athletic Director will preside at all meetings of the Eligibility Council, except when responsible for reporting the violation. In this case the High School Principal will preside at the hearing.

TRAINING RULES

Training rules will be established by each coach or advisor and will include the following:

1. Students will follow the rules pertaining to conduct and discipline while attending school.
2. Students will have all fees paid, and have a parent permission letter, verification of insurance, authorization to test for drugs and a physical examination form on file in the high school office before they may participate in any practice or contest.
3. Students will follow the code and eligibility rules prescribed in the student handbook and the extra-curricular activities handbook.
4. Students will refrain from any form of retaliation when verbally or physically attacked while attending any school function. Students are to immediately report any such activity to a school official for their own protection.
5. Coaches and students that are representing Nixyáawii Community School in competitions will wear the following all day:
Boys: approved Nixyáawii clothing Girls: approved Nixyáawii clothing
6. Students will conduct themselves as good citizens and remember that they are representatives of their school and community.
7. Students will ride the bus to and from all contests unless released to their parents or another adult pre-approved by the Principal/Athletic Director. Verbal and written consent must be given to the coach and/or advisor by the parent or guardian before they are released. Student vehicles may not be used to transport

athletes to contests or athletic practices unless they are granted prior approval by the high school principal.

8. Students will be required to return equipment and uniforms within one week of the end of each season. If the equipment or uniforms have been lost or destroyed, they must be replaced or paid for at the end of the season by the student. Failure to comply with this procedure will mean the athlete involved will not be allowed to participate in any future sport or activity until the matter has been resolved.
9. Messages, logos, tattoos, symbols, etc. that are of no traditional value to the sport and/or may be offensive, will not be allowed.
10. Athletes must meet OSAA requirements to be eligible to play, which requires a physical exam every two years.
11. Students new to Nixyáawii Community School must meet all OSAA eligibility requirements and must have the proper documentation on file with the Athletic Director's office before they will be allowed to compete in any athletic contest.
12. A student who is absent from school all day for any reason will not be allowed to participate in school related activities on that day or evening. Students absent for any portion of the day **will not participate in school-related activities or athletics unless pre-arranged by the principal.**

Levels of competition.

The role of Junior Varsity or JVII sports is to:

- Further develop skills of the athlete;
- Increase the intensity of the competition;
- Prepare for the varsity level;
- Place more emphasis on winning, but not to the extent of the varsity level;
- Instill the virtues of sportsmanship; and
- Develop the concept of teamwork.

The purpose of the Varsity level of sports is to:

- Develop skills and physical conditioning of the athlete to its fullest potential;
- Allow athletes the chance to excel;
- Learn to set goals and strive to achieve them;
- Be a role model for younger athletes; and

- Realize that the main focus of the varsity programs is to be successful. At the high school level, the number of athletes allowed on each team will be the maximum number designated for state competition by the OSAA for reimbursement purposes.

The coach shall determine which players will be retained on the squad. He/she shall make the decision of squad reduction based on the performance skills of players and that impact on succeeding squads to represent Nixyáawii Community School. Coaches will counsel with players prior to the first practice making them aware that players can and may be cut from the team. The coach also has the option of keeping players on the team who may not see much playing time. Notification will be given to those athletes and their parents at a team meeting so that the player's role on the team is understood. As a general rule, senior athletes should not play at a level lower than the varsity level.

MR/MS Golden Eagle

This award is presented to a male or female student-athlete who demonstrates leadership, positive attitude, and character both in school and on the playing surface. Their character must reflect trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness and be a caring citizen of the school and surrounding community. **(Any student who has quit a sport during the year will not be eligible for this award.)** The student-athlete must have maintained a 90% attendance rate during the school year, maintained a 3.5 GPA for semester, and received a Varsity Letter in two sports during the year. This award will be voted on by both the coaching staff and teaching staff of Nixyáawii Community School. (Students are eligible to win multiple times.)

Fundraising for class/athletics

Any and all fundraising activities conducted in the name of the school, in regards to a class, event, or athletic program will be conducted through the principal or his delegate. These must be pre-arranged one week prior to the fundraising event. Any and all funds raised **MUST** be submitted to the Administrative Assistant. No funds will be distributed without the following accounting procedures of the school. If gifts are purchased with such funds, they will be held at the school and dispersed when the principal deems necessary. (i.e. graduation gifts)

Nixyáawii Community School

Parent/Guardian Permit for Extra-Curricular Activities Acknowledgement and Consent Form

I hereby give my consent for _____ to compete for Nixyáawii Community School in extra-curricular and to go with the coach on any trips. I further certify that _____ has not been under a doctor's care for illness or injury during the past year except as noted below **

	Yes	No
1. Epilepsy		
2. Asthma		
3. Diabetes		
4. Chronic Heart Disease		
5. Severe Allergy		
6. Others		

**Students participating in extra-curricular at Nixyáawii Community School are required by board policy to have some type of athletic insurance. Our son/daughter_____is covered by medical insurance. Yes No (circle one)

Name of Company _____ The law requires physical examinations once every two years. If your son/daughter has not had one he/she may pick up an examination form in the high school office.

Parent or guardian

** Students who have been under a doctor's care for illness or injury may be required to have a physical examination of doctor's release before participating.

I have read and understand the Eligibility and Athletic Code as outlined in the Extra-Curricular Activities Handbook of Nixyáawii Community School including the Drugs, Tobacco, and Alcohol Violation Policy.

Student:

Name: (Please Print) _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

Name: (Please Print) _____

(relationship to student) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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