The mission of the Osseo-Fairchild School District, in partnership with your community, is to Motivate, Educate and Empower students for successful living.

Principal
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**Educational Philosophy**

The mission of the Osseo-Fairchild Middle/High School is to create an environment that prepares all students for lifelong learning by developing the personal, social and intellectual skills needed to be responsible, productive citizens.

**Goals**

Students shall:
- demonstrate proficiency of academic standards
- accept responsibility for their own actions and learning
- demonstrate respect for self, others and environment
- demonstrate ability to work as part of a team
- be an effective communicator
- be a lifelong learner
- have a career plan
- establish a lifelong wellness program and appreciation for the arts
- demonstrate higher level thinking and problem solving
- be a contributing member of society
- be a quality worker

**Respect Standards**

Our students and staff worked together to develop a set of guidelines concerning the relationships that exist within our building. All of the adults and students are committed to promoting a positive, healthy environment that supports the needs and rights of all people. Core to that desire is the need to be respectful of others thoughts, actions, and property. To aid in the promotion of a respectful school environment the following standards have been established as the basis of our expectations of each other:

- Accept people for who they are and how they act, not for whom they are with.
- Show respect for all and expect it from all.
- Behaviors are judged through the eyes of others, your actions should not be seen as ridiculing, embarrassing, or poking fun at another person, their ideas or feelings.
- Treat all people fairly, expect more from yourself and be willing to forgive more from others.
- Standards of behavior apply to everyone, what we expect of others we must demand of ourselves.
- Own your actions; apologize if you have offended another, never blame others or try to excuse your poor behavior.
- Every action adds to or subtracts from the respect you have earned; encroaching on someone’s personal space, misusing others property or violating another’s trust will lead to a loss of respect.

**Activities Philosophy**

The Osseo-Fairchild School District recognizes the importance of extra/co-curricular activities as an integral part of the total educational program. We believe participation in school sponsored activities is vital to the development of socially active and responsible young men and women. Involvement will provide each student with the opportunity to learn useful skills; the awareness of the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play; and the realization that a positive attitude and hard work are essential ingredients for success in life. In order to receive these benefits, each student must meet certain expectations for the privilege of participating in activities at Osseo-Fairchild School District.

**Core Beliefs**

- Participation in athletic or co-curricular activities is a privilege.
- The purpose of the activities program is to complement the academic opportunities and enhance the overall educational experience for students at Osseo-Fairchild.
- Academic success is the cornerstone of our educational program, and therefore the primary responsibility of all
student-participants is to achieve and maintain a positive academic record.

- Osseo-Fairchild strives to provide every student with meaningful experiences through its activities programs.
- Success in athletic and co-curricular programs is defined by the development of the individual students’ intellectual, personal, and social skills, which are necessary to become responsible, productive citizens.
- The activities program provides real-life opportunities for students to learn about themselves and to measure their development as a person in a wide array of circumstances. When outcomes become more important than the learning process, the program fails to meet its goals.

The activities code, along with any other rules set forth by the school or by coaches/advisors, establishes expectations for student conduct as they represent the Osseo-Fairchild School District.

Any student representing the students and schools of the School District of Osseo-Fairchild as a member of an extra/co-curricular activity must conform to and abide by the Osseo-Fairchild Activities Code. Any student who violates the activities code shall be denied the privilege of representing the school in extra/co-curricular activities.

Before any student may participate in any extra/co-curricular activity, the student shall be provided access to the activities code and shall have signed a statement of acceptance of the requirements of the code as printed on the Activities Agreement Form. The signed statement of acceptance shall be on file with the activities director of the school.

The school district shall not discriminate in student participation in athletic programs or other activities, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability handicaps in its education programs or activities. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

### Responsibility of the Student

**Osseo-Fairchild School District**

Participation in activities is a privilege at Osseo-Fairchild School District. In order to keep this privilege, students must accept certain responsibilities. The greatest responsibility each student has is to be a credit to himself/herself, to his/her parents, to the school and to the community. Students are the most visible representatives of our school, so they are expected to be fine examples of the quality of Osseo-Fairchild School District students. They are expected to display the highest standards of social behavior and respect for those in authority, including teachers, coaches, advisors, administrators, officials and other school personnel, as well as fellow participants and competitors.

- Always remember you are students first.
- Every participant has the responsibility to be a role model for other students and children in our community.
- There are higher behavioral expectations for students who participate in school-sponsored activities.
- Know and understand the expectations of this Activities Code and only sign it if you believe you can meet those expectations.

### Responsibility of the Coach/Advisor

**Osseo-Fairchild School District**

Coaches/advisors are some of the most influential people in the Osseo-Fairchild School District. Their methods and results are a matter of public record and discussion each time their group performs. In most cases, the attitude, desire, and spirit possessed by the group are a reflection of these same qualities in the coach/advisor. Coaching demands that the proper attitude and perspective be maintained.

- Remember you are always teachers first and therefore your primary responsibility is the development of each student you work with in your program both during the season and throughout the year.
- Model the expectations listed above for the students in your program.
- Know, understand and enforce the expectations of this Activities Code regardless of the impact it may have on your team.
Responsibility of the Parent

Parents are the greatest role models for a young person. The Osseo-Fairchild School District seeks parental assistance to help develop outstanding young men and women who possess the self-discipline and motivation to make a difference in the world. The administration, faculty, staff, and coaches ask that parents be supportive of the programs and personnel at Osseo-Fairchild School District and demonstrate that support by respecting the decisions and efforts of the coaches/advisors who work with the young people of Osseo-Fairchild. Parental assistance is also requested in enforcing this activities code so that a fair and healthy environment will exist for all students.

Sportsmanship Statement

While spectators, at any extra/co-curricular events either at Osseo-Fairchild or any other site, parents and all other adults are expected to display sportsmanlike behavior. An individual or group who displays an act of violence, boisterous conduct, threatening language, or unsportsmanlike conduct toward coaches, players, or officials, or disobeys board policies or administrative rules may be removed from the event and may be prohibited from further attendance for a period of up to six weeks. Individuals prohibited from attendance may follow the established grievance procedure.

High School Academic Eligibility

- A student is required to be a full time student.
- A student will become ineligible from competition for 15 school days if he/she has received any failing grades at the end of the 1st or 3rd quarters or 1st or 2nd semester.
- The suspension will begin immediately at the start of the next quarter.
- The activities director or his designee will notify the student and/or parents.
- The student will remain ineligible from competition, but will be required to participate in all practices during the period of ineligibility but not allowed to suit up for competition.
- At the end of the ineligibility period, the student is required to circulate a grading sheet to all of his/her teachers and return it to the activities director.
- If the student's grades are not at a passing level, the student will become ineligible from all forms of participation until all grades are at passing level.
- Fall sports will have suspensions assessed from the previous high school year’s second semester grades, and will be 1/3 of the maximum allowed competitions for that activity which includes scrimmages if it is on the regular season schedule. Students entering 9th grade will be monitored at the end of their first quarter of high school.

A student who is enrolled in any state-approved special needs program, including EEN or 504, and who receives no usual grading for such courses, may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her I.E.P. or E.P.

Although students are ultimately responsible for maintaining their academic status, opportunities for academic support exist at school. Coaches/Advisors and other school personnel will actively monitor student academic standing throughout the year and recommend academic support when necessary.

Middle School Academic Eligibility

- Middle School athletes will be monitored at mid-quarter and at the end of the quarter or semester with regard to academic and behavioral progress.
- The activities director will distribute a list of all students participating in a sport or activity to the teachers.
- Fall eligibility for Middle School will be based on the fourth quarter grades from the previous school year.
- Suspensions will begin after all grades are posted.
- The activities director or his designee will notify the student, parents and coach.
- At the end of the quarter or semester, a student who receives one (1) or more failing grades becomes ineligible for a minimum of one week of competition but is still able to practice. The student may regain their eligibility by having all teachers sign a form stating the student is once again doing passing work and turn the form into the
athletic office. Once the student notifies the athletic office that he/she is once again passing, they can resume participation.

- If the student is not passing all classes after 1 week, they will remain ineligible from competition and will be required to attend study group for 1 hour prior to practicing. The student may regain their eligibility by having all teachers sign a form stating the student is once again doing passing work and turn the form into the athletic office. Once the student notifies the athletic office that he/she is once again passing, they can resume participation.
- If the student is not passing all classes at the end of the second week, they will be ineligible from all competition and practice.
- At mid-quarter, any Middle School Students who are failing one or more classes will become ineligible from competition until they are once again passing.
- The activities director or his designee will notify the student, parents and coaches.
- They will be required to attend study group for 1 hour prior to practicing.
- If the student is not passing all classes after a week, they will be ineligible from competition and practice until all grades are passing. Once the student notifies the athletic office that he/she is once again passing, they can resume participation.
- Any Middle School Student Athlete will miss a minimum of 1 game for behavioral referrals which result in an in-school or an out-of-school suspension.

**Attendance**

**Osseo-Fairchild School District**

1. Students must be in school and participate in class the entire day to be eligible for the day’s performance/competition/practice/meeting.

2. A student who is absent for all or part of the day will be ineligible for the day’s performance/competition/practice/meeting. Students are not allowed to miss any classes because they arrived home late in the evening from an activity the night before.

3. Students with excused appointments or family emergencies may participate in the day’s activity if the principal or the activities director excuses their absence. Written verification of the appointment will be required for all appointments. The following are only excused appointments:
   - Medical, dental, chiropractic, optometric or other valid professional appointments
   - College / Technical School visits
   - Driver’s license examinations
   - Deer Hunting
   - Family emergencies are those events, which require a student to be away from school, and are unforeseeable. The activities director or the principal may only grant participation in an activity on the day of an emergency.

4. If a student is suspended, (out of school) the suspension will include any performance, competition, practice, or meeting that occurs that day. Middle school athletes who received an out of school suspension will also be suspended for a minimum one contest. High school students who receive an out of school suspension will be considered in violation of the Code of Conduct.

5. Attendance at practice is mandatory unless the school or the coach has excused the participant prior to practice. The consequence for missing practice will be left to the discretion of the coach/advisor. No student shall miss a performance without the consent of the coach/advisor. The consequence(s) will be at the discretion of the coach/advisor.

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General Conduct

1. All students involved in activities at Osseo-Fairchild School District are expected to exhibit conduct, which reflects the ideals, principles, and standards of the Osseo-Fairchild School District. Any behaviors that are outside of commonly held expectations of students representing our school in activities, which may involve actions or disciplinary measures not specifically covered by the Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, or W.I.A.A. policy, may be classified as conduct unbecoming and may be considered a violation of the activities code. High school students who receive an out of school suspension will be considered in violation of the Code of Conduct.

2. The Osseo-Fairchild School District recognizes the use of mood altering chemicals as a significant health problem for many adolescents, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning, and the total development of the individual. So, regardless of quantity, a student shall not use or possess a beverage containing alcohol, tobacco or tobacco like substances (in any form), street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES) or any substance defined by law as a drug or drug like substances or its look alike. It is not a violation for students to possess and use drugs specifically prescribed for their use. It is a violation for a student to miss-use prescription or over the counter drugs.

3. The student shall abstain from illegal activities. This provision includes but is not limited to those activities, which are illegal because of the age of the student. Presence in bars and attendance at parties where the drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of illegal drugs is occurring are prohibited. If a student is found to have been at a bar or in attendance at a party where alcoholic beverages or other illegal drugs were being used and stayed beyond a "reasonable time" they will be in violation of this Code of Conduct. This is not meant to prohibit presence in establishments that are primarily eating-places, or presence at bars or parties with parents, or presence at family functions where there is adult supervision. Parents presence does not allow students to violate the above rule number 2.

4. Conduct Contrary to ideals, principles, and standards of the school district and the WIAA, including but not limited to criminal behavior.

5. To protect the privacy of the District's students, parents, and other residents of the community, that may utilize the locker room facilities, no person may use a cell phone, or any recording device to capture, record, or to transfer a representation of a person in the locker room (Board Policy 9151).

Violations of this Code of Conduct

First Violation - Restriction from athletic competition for a period of 33% of the contests based on the regular season of that sport. A student disciplined for the first violation will be required to practice with his/her team and he/she may travel with or be with the team during contest (not in uniform). The suspended athlete must follow all training rules and requirements of the sports team.

If an athlete is found to be in violation due to a discipline referral which results in a suspension (either in-school or out-of-school), he/she may complete 10 hours of community service to reduce the length of their suspension to 10% of the contests based on the regular schedule.

If an athlete is found to be in violation of a controlled substance, and he/she agrees to go through a professional outpatient assessment at a certified agency and follow the assessment's recommendations, there shall be a suspension for 10% of that sport. Refusal or failure to take the assessment or to follow its recommendations shall cause the individual to serve the balance of the original one-third of the contests suspension (mandatory release of information to Osseo-Fairchild School).

For a first violation of a controlled substance, a student or parent may self-refer himself or herself. If this self-referral occurs prior to the beginning of an investigation by the school, and the student agrees to go through a professional outpatient assessment at a certified agency and follow the assessment's recommendations, the suspension will be reduced
to 10% of the contests based on the regular season of the sport. In lieu of either the assessment or self-referral students may complete 10 hours of community service to reduce the length of their suspension.

**Second Violation** - The student will be restricted from athletic participation for one full season. (In the case of a controlled substance, if an athlete is found in violation [second time], and he/she agrees to a professional alcohol/drug assessment and follows through with its recommendation and completes 15 hours of community service, the suspension will be reduced to 50% of the contests based on the regular season of that sport.) For other violations a reduction to 50% can occur with 15 hours of community service, and Activities Director’s approval. All aspects of fulfilling community service is the students responsibility. All penalties will go into the next season of participation, with percent adjusted by administration. The participant must continue practicing and finish in good standing for penalties to count.

**Third Violation** - The student will be suspended for one calendar year from the date of infraction. (If, in the case of a controlled substance, an athlete wishes to participate in competition, thereafter he/she will be required to have a professional alcohol/drug assessment and complete 20 hours of community service before returning to competition).

**Fourth Violation** - The penalty for a fourth violation will be a minimum suspension of one calendar year from the date of infractions. The maximum penalty will be left to the discretion of the principal and activities director.

Note: The WIAA penalty for training violations occurring during WIAA tournaments is disqualification for the entire tournament series in that sport.

### Disciplinary Action for Co-Curricular Activities

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➢ □ All Other school sponsored clubs/activities

**First Offense** The student will satisfactorily perform 10 hours of community service. If a student is found to be in violation and he/she agrees to go through a professional outpatient assessment at a certified agency and follow the assessment’s recommendations, the number of community service hours will be cut in half.

**Second Offense** The student will satisfactorily perform 15 hours of community service.

**Third Offense** The student will satisfactorily perform 20 hours of community service.

The student will be responsible to create a plan and schedule all community service hours. The activities director must approve the plan and final accounting of the community service hours. These will be hours in addition to any hours required for graduation. If the student fails to meet his/her obligations, he/she will be ineligible to be involved in any activity until the community service hours are completed. Students in co-curricular activities that include a performance are required to participate in practice but will remain ineligible for performance until all community service hours have been satisfactorily fulfilled.

Students involved in both athletics and co-curricular activities at the same time will be required to do community service and miss performances due to violations of the activities code. If a student has a violation of the activities code and is only in a co-curricular activity at the time they will serve the appropriate consequences plus will be required to miss a minimum of one game in their next athletic season to meet WIAA requirements.
General Disciplinary Action for both Athletic & Co-Curricular Activities

Osseo-Fairchild School District

All violations of the activities code at Osseo-Fairchild School District are cumulative throughout the student’s school career. However, the total number of violations a student has will be reduced by one for each full calendar year the student is violation free. For example, a student with three violations would have his/her total reduced to two violations if he/she were violation free for one calendar year following the date of the last reported violation.

Self-admission can only reduce the consequence once during a student’s career.

When a student misses a competition or performance during a season for a conduct code violation, they will be required to complete the season in good standing in order to fulfill their code violation obligations.

Additional Rules by Coaches/Advisors

Osseo-Fairchild School District

Nothing in this document shall be deemed as to limit a coach or advisor from establishing additional rules concerning student conduct during the season. Any rules established by the coach or advisor must be in writing and handed out to the student, their parents, and the activities director prior to the established starting date for the activity. Student cooperation with and adherence to any rules designed by the coach or advisor are required to maintain eligibility in that specific activity. These rules must be in accordance with the activities code and all other district policies.

It shall be the coach’s/advisor’s prerogative to suspend any student from a squad whom they consider a demoralizing influence or a detriment to the objective of the activity. If a request is initiated by the advisor/coach, approval by the activities director and principal will be necessary for the suspension if an in-season cut is to occur.

Enforcement Procedure & Due Process Policy

Osseo-Fairchild School District

1. Violations of the activities code will be based on the following:
   
   A. Violations reported to the school by law enforcement officials with corroborating evidence
   B. Violations reported by teaching or coaching staff members, parents, students, or members of the community
   C. Self-Admission
   D. Evidence from web sites or other technological devices may be used during an investigation

2. Reports of violations must occur within thirty days of the violation unless referred by the judicial system or social services.

3. Upon receiving a report of a violation the principal or activities director shall conduct an investigation, as soon as is feasibly possible, which shall include an interview with the accused, to determine whether or not the student has violated the activities code. A parent may be contacted in the investigation process.

4. If after the investigation, it has been determined by the principal or activities director that the student has violated the activities code, the student and his/her parents will be notified of the violation and consequences will begin immediately and will continue to be enforced throughout any appeal process. Parents will be notified of an infraction by letter and telephone.

5. Parents and students will be informed by the principal or activities director that any challenge or complaint can be taken to the superintendent if they are dissatisfied. The student and parents will be asked to put their challenge or complaint in writing.

6. The superintendent will review the situation, and make a decision as to whether the code was followed properly and to the meaning and intent of the code. The superintendent shall confirm or reject the decision within ten days from the
date the student and parents contacted the superintendent. The superintendent’s decision will be communicated verbally and in writing.

7. If the parents and student would like to continue the appeal based on extenuating circumstances, the superintendent will convene a committee consisting of the high school principal, activities director, two coaches (preferably head coaches and coaches of a sport the student does not play), a parent, and a board member. The decision of this committee will be reported to the superintendent and will be final.

The activities director shall keep a record of all violations.

**Sign Up Policy**

Students interested in participating in a sport should contact the Middle/High School office or the coach. Athletes are to have all forms turned into the athletic office a minimum of one week prior to the first day of practice in order to participate on the first day. Required forms include:

- Physical and/or Alternate Year Card
- HIPPA
- Activities Agreement Form

Students who want to join a team after the first day of practice can do so only within the first two weeks from the start date of that sport, provided that all forms are turned in. Extenuating circumstances may be considered for those wishing to join after the first two weeks and will be evaluated by the Activities Director on a case by case basis.

**No Quit Policy**

Members of performance organizations are expected to remain in their activities once they join. If they quit, they will not be allowed to join a different performance organization that season. However, a new participant to an activity will be given a two week grace period. Quitting an activity after two weeks will result in suspension from joining other performance organizations for the rest of that season. Exceptions include the following:

1. Failure to continue because of injury or illness.
2. Coach/advisor consents due to unforeseen personal problems.

**Equipment**

One of the values taught through participation in school sponsored activities is that of responsibility. This applies to the care of school equipment and property. The school district hopes that every student will take pride in the facilities and equipment that is provided by the Osseo-Fairchild taxpayers.

The school attempts to provide the students of Osseo-Fairchild with the best and safest equipment money can buy, so it is expected that each student will take excellent care of all equipment.

The original equipment issued any student must be returned at the end of the activity. The student will be held financially responsible for any lost, misplaced, or deliberately mutilated equipment and will be ineligible from further participation in all activities until all equipment is returned or paid for.

**Transportation**

Transportation is provided for all contests. Students are expected to ride to and from any activity on school provided transportation. If a student is not riding school provided transportation, he/she may ride with his/her parents/legal guardians and only if the parents/guardians meet the following conditions:

1. Parents must notify the coach in writing.
2. The request must be given to the coach/advisor prior to at the event.
Parents requesting to have someone other than themselves provide transportation to or from a school sponsored activity must submit a **Transportation Request** in person a minimum of 4 hours prior to the time school transportation is to leave.

There are activities offered in the Osseo-Fairchild District that practice/perform off site. As a participant in one of these activities, the student and/or parent/guardian may be responsible for transportation to and from practice.

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**Insurance**

Osseo-Fairchild School District does NOT purchase insurance for any of its students. Athletes still should report injury to the coach as soon as possible. If the athlete goes to the doctor or dentist, the injury must be reported to a coach or another authorized person.

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**Student Nondiscrimination Policy**

It is the policy of the Osseo-Fairchild School District that no person be denied participation in, the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil service, recreational, other program or activity on the basis of their sex, race, color, religion, national origin (including LEP-Limited English Proficiency), ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap.

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**Home-Based Private Education Student Participation**

Per Wisconsin Statute 118.133 Students who are enrolled in a home-based private-educational program may participate in interscholastic athletics and/or extracurricular activities in their school district on the same basis and to the same extent that it permits pupil enrolled in the school district to participate.

The home-based private education student who lives within the Osseo-Fairchild School District must apply, must meet state law, and must follow the same rules and requirements on the same basis and to the same extent as full-time Osseo-Fairchild Students. Once these school board requirements are fulfilled, full-time students and other based on state statute are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Home-based private education students must be participating in a program that provides a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in the following subjects: **Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Health, and/or Electives**. The Osseo-Fairchild Activities Codebook requires a student to be passing all courses in order to participate in athletics or co-curricular activities. Parents/Guardians will need to provide grading information to our school’s Athletic Director at the end of each of the school district’s grading periods regardless of whether or not your child is currently active in an athletic or co-curricular activity.

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**Validation Code**

Upon completion of this Activities Code Handbook, add the Meeting Validation Code number to the Activities Agreement Form.

**THUNDER SPORTS 2018-2019**
To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Osseo-Fairchild School District

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a summary of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility, which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are current for the 2018-2019 school year:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances, the school’s requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.

B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.

C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school’s summer athletic schedule.

D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

B. The residence of a student’s guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student’s residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine ‘beginning of school year.’ Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.

D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.

E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.

F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school’s attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.

H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.

I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association’s provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.

J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student’s sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student’s residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student’s fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine ‘beginning of school year’. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.

B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school’s traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.

E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.

F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student’s sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine ‘beginning of school year.’ These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student’s first day of attendance at the new school.

B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.

C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.

D. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

F. 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).

G. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.

I. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents’ residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.

J. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.

K. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school’s attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school’s attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.

L. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of eligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association’s regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school’s Board of Education.

M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school’s attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT’S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician’s assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school’s code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school’s code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).

B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.

C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school’s code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.

D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA’s code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.

E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.

F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.

B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than $200; an award valued not more than $100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.

C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete.

D. A student-athlete may not receive free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.

E. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
F. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPOR TS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrammages against other teams (with school approval).

(1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.

(2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.

(3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.

B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.

C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay 100% of the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.

D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.

E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.

F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.