

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Trenton R-IX Schools is to prepare all students to be capable, contributing, caring participants in an ever changing world.

### EDUCATIONAL BELIEFS

1. We believe all students can learn.
2. We believe a safe, effective learning environment requires a partnership and a sense of shared responsibility among homes, schools and community.
3. We believe the role of teachers, sponsors, coaches, and support staff is to enhance intellectual, physical, social and career development of students.
4. We believe that a primary task of educators is to nurture each student and teach them respect for themselves and others.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

The Trenton R-IX Schools may not discriminate in its educational programs and/or activities. The schools must provide equal consideration and impartial treatment regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, socioeconomic status, marital status, sex, age disabling conditions, or organizational memberships.

This should not be construed to mean that identical programs for all ages and sexes must be provided. The Trenton R-IX Schools will comply with all state and federal laws pertaining to equal opportunities in educational programs and activities.

For complaints regarding sex, age, race, religion, national origin, or disabilities contact:

Director of Special Education  
S.M. Rissler Elementary  
801 West Fourth Terrace  
Trenton, MO 64683  
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## ACTIVITY PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education recognizes the contribution wholesome activities make to the educational program. The school administration shall be responsible for the organization, administration and supervision of the student activities program.

Co-curricular activities sponsored by the district should be consistent with the educational needs and maturity level of the students and governed by democratic principles. Such activities should complement, supplement or reinforce the curricular offerings.

Regulations for inter-scholastic activities shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. (MSHSAA)

Activities shall be approved by the school administrator and scheduled or canceled with the approval of the principal/athletic director. Each principal shall maintain a school calendar of school activities.

The principal/athletic director shall be in charge of the activity program and administer and supervise all athletic events. It shall be his charge to give appropriate publicity to all activities.

## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

**PURPOSE**-The purpose of the activities program is to provide experience which enables students to progress toward established educational objectives. Outlined below are some of the desirable educational objectives to be attained through the activities program.

- A. To develop for the student:
  - 1. Qualities of physical strength, vitality, neuromuscular skills, intellectual and performance skills.
  - 2. A program of activities that meet the needs, interests and capabilities of the students.
  - 3. Qualities of courage, alertness, resourcefulness and good sportsmanship.
  - 4. Proper emotional control and stability of character.
  - 5. Desirable social and competitive experience through inter-school competition.
  - 6. Approved social patterns of individual and group conduct.
  - 7. Promotion of positive self-esteem.
  
- B. To develop for the school:
  - 1. An activities program as an integral part of the Trenton R-IX School.
  - 2. A high standard of school loyalty, student morale and wholesome school spirit.
  - 3. Student understanding of the activities program so that they will be more intelligent and appreciative as spectators.
  
- C. To develop for the community an understanding that the activities program for students has been promoted under conditions which insure to the participant and to the public the best traditions in sportsmanship, citizenship and a wholesome school-community relationship.

## TRENTON R-IX ACTIVITIES RULES

1. If a student is absent from school he/she will not participate in a contest of practice on that day or any subsequent day until he/she attends a full day of classes. Students who make arrangements with the principal or his representative may be excused from this rule.
2. In the event of illness, a student must be in attendance at least the last 3.5 hours of the day to participate in a contest or practice on that day. (11:30 am-3:07 pm on the current schedule)
3. Students will be expected to provide their own water/hydration for all practices and contests. Sharing of drinks will not be permitted.
4. Students will be responsible for providing their own masks/face coverings.
5. If a student is suspended from school that student shall be ineligible to participate in activities during the time of the suspension. Certain causes of suspension may result in longer periods of ineligibility.
6. If a student has an in-school suspension, he or she may not participate in a contest/performance during the time of the ISS. Student will be required to attend all practices and meetings.
7. If a student has a detention or Saturday school, he or she may be required to make-up practice time missed during the detention or Saturday school.
8. If a student is detected of the use, transfer, possession or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances which is prohibited on any school property, on any school owned or contracted vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities, or off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district, the student shall not be eligible to participate in the activities program.
  - a. First Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for the season in which the incident occurred.
  - b. Second Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for 365 days.

A student who is not participating in an activity who is declared in violation of stated rule shall not be eligible to participate in an activity until that season has ended.

Season defined. (MSHSAA, Page 7)

9. If a student is detected in, or admits to possession of or using drugs or alcohol off school premises during the school year or during the activity season that begins before the school year, the incident will be investigated by the appropriate school authorities which would result in the student not being eligible to participate in the activities program.
  - A. First Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for at least 10 consecutive school days or for the season in which the incident occurred.(The disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the administrator.)
  - B. Second Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for the season in which the incident occurred or up to 182 calendar days. (The disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the administrator.)
  - C. Third Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for 365 days.

8. If a student is detected in possession of or using tobacco on school premises during the school year or during the activity season that begins before the school year, the incident will be investigated by the appropriate authorities which would result in the student not being eligible to participate in the activities program. The period of ineligibility shall be for the season in which the incident occurred.

- A. First Offense: Warning from the activity coach, sponsor, principal or athletic director.
- B. Second Offense: Ineligibility for participation in the activities program for the season in which the incident occurred.

Season defined. (MSHSAA, Page 7)

9. If a student is detected in possession of or using tobacco off school premises during the school year or during the activity season that begins before the school years, the incident will be investigated by the appropriate school authorities, which would result in the student being disciplined by the activity sponsor or coach in accordance to team or activity rule #8.

10. If a student is found guilty of committing a crime, except for minor traffic violations, he/she will not be eligible to participate in the activities program. The period of ineligibility will be for the season in which verdict was given.

Season defined. (MSHSAA, Page 7)

11. If a student who is participating in an activity quits that activity he/she is not eligible to begin participation in another activity. The period of ineligibility will last only as long as the season of that activity from which the student quit. Any student who leaves an activity by consent or the sponsor may be eligible to begin participation in another activity during the season of the previous activity.

12. Students must be in school, on time, the day after participation in an activity. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action to be determined by the principal, athletic director and sponsor. Exceptions may be made if approved by the principal or athletic director in advance.

13. Students who fail to remain in good standing with respect to school/community citizenship throughout the school year may have all activities recognition withheld.

14. Sponsors and coaches of the activities program will encourage all participants to exhibit behavior beyond reproach on campus. The sponsor/coach should work closely and cooperate with the principal and the classroom teacher to promote in the student the best in leadership and attitude.

15. Students must be in school until dismissed 10 minutes prior to travel. Students will not be allowed to leave campus before road trips unless approved in advance by the building principal. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action to be determined by the principal, athletic director and sponsor.

16. All coaches/sponsors, students and parents are expected to have a knowledge of the rules and regulations governing their activities and the policies and regulations of the Trenton R-IX School District.

17. Coaches/sponsors, parents, and student participants are expected to conduct themselves properly at all times.

These rules include activities in which individuals are representing our school in inter-district activities and/or competitions including district and state level competitions.

# ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

MSHSAA and TRENTON R-IX SCHOOLS

## Statement of Philosophy

Participation in school activities is a valuable educational experience and should not be looked upon as a reward for academic success. Students with low academic ability need the educational development provided through participation in activities as much or more than students with average or above average ability. Activity participation should be for all students making appropriate progress toward graduation and otherwise in good standing.

Based on the *preceding* semester, students in grades 7-12 **must have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes** in which a student can be enrolled in the semester. These standards are set by the Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSHSAA) and must be met to be eligible the following semester.

During the school year, those students deemed eligible for activities by the MSHSAA standards stated above, will be tracked by Trenton HS and Trenton MS and held to the following policy:

- a. Student grade checks will be performed eight times a year at each grading period (midterm, quarter, semester). Students failing more than one class will be ineligible to participate in contests or performances (but may still participate in practices) until the next grade check, when eligibility will be reassessed.
- b. Students' cumulative attendance will also be monitored at each grading period after the first quarter. Students who fall below 90% attendance will be ineligible to participate in contests or performances (but may still participate in practices) until the next check, when eligibility will be reassessed.

*\*During the probation, the student may practice the activity but not participate in games, contests or performances*



The counseling department will compile a list of students who are falling below the minimum standards each grade monitoring period and give the list to each coach or sponsor.

The head coach or sponsor is responsible for checking the list each grade monitoring period to ensure their participants are eligible to participate.

The student is responsible for contacting the coach or sponsor to ensure the minimum grade standards are being met.

If students are ineligible, it is the student's responsibility to secure the necessary tutoring or assistance to regain eligibility. As soon as the student meets academic requirements, the student regains all eligibility.

The minimum standards do not apply until the first grading period for 7th grade students or 9th grade students entering their grade level.

## TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

### A. Transportation

1. All travel arrangements will be made by the principal or his designee only after consultation with the coach/sponsor involved. A copy of the schedule will be returned to that individual. Whenever feasible, requests for transportation to events should be made at the beginning of the season.
2. A list of students and times they will be gone should be turned in to the principal's office. As a convenience to the parents, a determination should be made as to the possible time of return.
3. Student participants must travel on school sanctioned vehicles to out of town events.
4. Students will return to Trenton immediately following contests unless an event is scheduled for the following day and arrangements have been made for the participants to remain overnight.
5. Students will ride the bus **BOTH** ways unless the coach/sponsor has given them permission to ride home with someone else. Such permission must be requested by the parent or guardian in a written or verbal statement **PRIOR** to the departure of the return trip unless a parent signs the student out in-person following a contest.
6. Exception to the transportation rules may be allowed at the discretion of the coach/sponsor in accordance to the rules of the team/activity.

### B. Supervision of participants on buses on trips

1. Each time a bus is used to transport participants to and from activities a coach/sponsor must ride in the bus with the participants.
2. The coach/sponsor riding the bus is responsible for ensuring the proper behavior of the participants. The participants are responsible for conducting themselves properly at all times.
3. Any student who does not conduct himself/herself properly is to be disciplined immediately by the coach/sponsor in charge.
4. All buses will be **left clean** following trips. **This is the responsibility of the coach/sponsor in charge.**
5. Coach/sponsor will remain at school to supervise students until all participants have secured a ride.

## ACTIVITIES INJURY POLICY

There is a growing awareness of the coach/sponsor's liability in injury cases. It is necessary that every precaution possible be taken, first in assuring the safety and protection of the student, and second, to handle each injury to assure the best care for the student.

The procedures to be followed are:

- 1. TREAT EVERY INJURY AS IF IT WAS SERIOUS.**
2. The coach/sponsor should check each injury and determine the extent of the injury. This may be handled by an assistant coach/sponsor or by an individual trained in first aid or traumatic injuries. Instructions should be given to the participant according to the determination of the extent of the injury.
3. Never return a player to a contest if there is any doubt as to the extent of the injury.
4. If the injury appears more serious, then either ask for a doctor or take the participant to the doctor. This may be accomplished by an assistant or the parent of the player.
5. Follow-up on the injury immediately after the game or practice. Further follow-up should be made as long as the injury exists or the participant is absent from the squad or activity.
6. Write a step-by-step account of how the injury occurred, as far as possible, the extent of the injury, what first aid was administered, who administered it, whether the participant was seen by a doctor and whether the parents of the student were there to be informed or were informed at a later time. The report is then filed with the principal on the next day school is in session.
7. If a participant has been injured to the extent that practice or a game has been missed, that student will be required to have written permission from his/her physician in order to return to practice or a game situation. If the physician gives the participant a definite time to be out of practice then this may be used as the written permit to return to the activity.
8. Participants are expected to be at practice to rehabilitate the injury and observe practice unless written permission from his/her physician requires alternative treatment.

## **LETTERING PROCEDURE**

For the participant to be considered for a letter the following minimum standards must be met.

### **MINIMUM STANDARDS**

1. Maintain academic eligibility
2. Attend all formal practice sessions
3. Be a good school and community citizen
4. Obey all training and team rules
5. Specific procedures for earning a letter will be determined by individual coach/sponsor. This includes players and team managers.
6. Students must finish the season with the team/activity.

### **PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL OF A STUDENT PARTICIPANT FOR VIOLATION OF RULES**

If a student is in violation of any of the rules that could result in suspension from a contest or dismissal from the activity, the following steps will be take:

1. If the action is initiated by the administration, the principal/athletic director will notify the coach/sponsor immediately of the violation.
2. If the action is initiated by the coach/sponsor, that coach/sponsor will notify the principal and athletic director of the violation.
3. The coach/sponsor or administrator will notify the student and his/her parents immediately after the determination of a violation that dismissal or suspension will result from the violation.
4. If desired by the parents, the parents, the student the coach/sponsor and the principal and athletic director will meet and confer. The nature of the violation will be discussed and the consequences of the violation will be stated.
5. Parents and students have the right to appeal the decisions of the principal/athletic director to the superintendent and through him the the Board of Education.

TRENTON R-IX SCHOOLS  
TRENTON, MISSOURI

Dear Parent,

It is our belief that students who participate in the activities program should conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will produce positive reactions to our students and community. That is the real purpose of the enclosed information.

By allowing your student to participate in the Trenton R-IX School District activities program, you are agreeing to abide by all Trenton and MSHSAA rules and regulations.

Each student must provide a physical and insurance information, along with signing the eligibility portion of the document, for the following activities:

Football  
Volleyball  
Tennis  
Golf  
Softball  
Basketball  
Wrestling  
Track and Field  
Baseball  
Cheerleading

We thank you for your time and support of the activities program. We believe that without your support such programs would not be effective as they presently are. If the school can be of service to you or if you have questions concerning the activities program, please call.

Sincerely,

John Cowling  
Athletic/Activities Director

