

## Athlete - Eligibility to Play

- **Paid Pay to Participate Fee**
- **Sports Physical**

An MHSAA pre-participation physical is required for all students who participate in sports. A physical examination must be completed on or after April 15, 2022 to be considered a valid physical. The MHSAA two-page physical form has not changed. [See Physicals Here](#) Athletic equipment should not be issued and students must not be allowed to try out or practice until an acceptable signed statement of physical examination has been provided.

- **A Signed Concussion Awareness Form**

A Concussion Awareness Acknowledgment form and a signed Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk by the parent/student. Completed during enrollment.

- **50% of Passing Classes Previous Semester/Trimester**

No student shall compete in any junior high/middle school interscholastic scrimmage or contest during the current semester/trimester who does not have in the official records of the school represented for the last semester/trimester credit in at least 50 percent of the total periods of work carried.

- **Eligibility**

MHSAA Requirement To retain initial athletic eligibility, an athlete must have passed 4 of 6 semester hours of academic course work in the semester preceding his or her athletic participation.

District Requirement A student is expected to maintain passing grades in all classes in which enrolled. A student becomes ineligible until passing grades are attained. This is determined by a weekly eligibility list. The eligibility of a student is determined by the cumulative semester grade. He/she is still considered a member of the activity and must obey all rules during the period of ineligibility. A student will receive at least one week's warning before being ineligible.

- **Citizenship**

A student is expected to exhibit good citizenship in all classes. Each teacher will have the opportunity to evaluate citizenship on the weekly eligibility. If a student receives two unsatisfactory marks from different teachers in citizenship he/she will be ineligible for the week.

### Code for Athletes

1. Know and adhere to the athletic code of the school.
2. Exceed all attendance and academic requirements as practical evidence of loyalty to school and team and a proper philosophy of school-sponsored athletics.
3. Observe completely all policies regarding conduct, doing so as a duty to school, team and self.
4. Counsel with the athletic director over questions of eligibility.
5. Practice and play fairly, giving complete effort in all circumstances and credit in victory to teammates and to opponents in defeat.
6. Accept favorable and unfavorable decisions, as well as victory and defeat, with equal grace.
7. Demonstrate respect for opponents and of officials before, during and after contests.

Participation in extracurricular competitive interscholastic athletics is a student's privilege, not a right, that can be removed at any time for failure to meet the standards and requirements of particular teams, school or school districts, leagues or conferences, and regional, statewide or national organizations to which the student's school belongs.

