

MHLT CO-CURRICULAR CODE

The co-curricular program of the MHLT School District is recognized as a vital part of the total educational program for our students. A co-curricular program is designed to give all students an opportunity to develop their interests, attitudes, and skills for future years while enhancing their academic development. These activities provide a healthful, enjoyable, life long learning experience. Participation in co-curricular activities is a **privilege** and not a **right**. Every student must follow the following guidelines to participate in any co-curricular activity at MHLT.

Every student who desires to participate in co-curricular activities at MHLT must comply with the following rules outlined in our co-curricular code. In addition, a signed co-curricular agreement must be on file before the student is allowed to participate in the co-curricular activity. The student and a parent or legal guardian must sign this agreement. This co-curricular code will be enforced year around (12 month) basis.

Policy on Attendance

1. Students who participate in co-curricular activities will not be allowed to participate in an activity if they did not attend school that day.
2. Any student who has an in-school or out-of-school suspension or detention may not practice, compete, or attend co-curricular activities during their time of suspension/detention. Detention/suspension dates will not be rescheduled in order to let the student participate in a practice, game, contest, or activity.
3. The principal and athletic director may use their discretion for any extenuating circumstances.

Policy on Academics/Behavior

1. At the end of the last grading period (quarter or semester), if a student has one or more "F's" he/she must remain out of co-curricular activities for three weeks (15 consecutive school days). At the end of the 15 days, the student must get approval from either the principal or athletic director that academic progress is being met.
2. Any incomplete grade must be resolved with a passing grade for a student to participate in co-curricular activities.
3. Students in all co-curricular activities are expected to adhere to the highest standards of social behavior, sportsmanship, and to show proper respect for authority.
4. Any situation involving extenuating circumstances will be determined at the discretion of the principal or athletic director.

Policy on Training Rules

1. No using or possession of tobacco products.
2. No using or possession of alcohol.
3. No using or possession of illegal drugs.

Violation of Training Rules

1. A violation of the training rules reported by school personnel, self-admission, local law enforcement, or proven by court action will be grounds for disciplinary action.
2. A first offense in violation of training rules will result in suspension of 25 % of scheduled competition.
3. A second offense of violating training rules will result in suspension of 50 % of scheduled competition and the student must enroll in a drug and alcohol evaluation program. The student must complete the program at his/her own expense.
4. A third offense of violating training rules will result in being suspended from co-curricular activities until the end of his/her middle school career.

* The student will be required to practice during the period of suspension, but will not be allowed to attend scheduled competitions. *

Violation Procedures

Discipline for infraction of the co-curricular code may involve one or more of the following, depending on the seriousness and frequency of infraction.

- A. Conference between the student, coach, counselor, and administration.
- B. Corrective discipline deemed appropriate by administration.
- C. Notification of parent by phone and or letter.
- D. Parent conference with coach, principal, advisor, or athletic director.
- E. Team suspension.
- F. Referral to appropriate correction agency.
- G. Referral to police or courts, if warranted.
- H. Recommendation to the School Board for expulsion.

The above action may be appealed within 10 days. The appeals committee will include the principal, assistant principal/athletic director, and coaches.

A participating student must fulfill guidelines for the activity in which he/she is competing. He/she must also remain on the squad for the entire season, barring an injury or sickness, and live up to the rules of conduct and training. A violation will carry over to the next activity if the suspension was not completed in the previous activity.

These are the standards we expect of our students who participate in co-curricular activities. Please help us to maintain these standards.

Sincerely,

Jim Ellis
District Administrator/Athletic Director

MHLT INSURANCE WAIVER

A student may not participate in MHLT Elementary School activities until the school has received a signed Student-Parent Agreement concerning the MHLT Elementary School Activities Code of Conduct.

MHLT Elementary School expects students involved in any of the activities programs to represent their school, their community, their parents, and themselves in a positive manner at all times. The expectations detailed in the MHLT Activities Code are designed to promote positive behavior.

Parents, students, coaches/advisors, faculty, and administration must support the philosophy of the activities program as stated in this Agreement if the program is to meet its goals. It is essential that all of the individuals involved take the intent of the code seriously and report violations to the school administration.

As parents we are aware of the inherent risk of injury present through participation in activities. In particular, when involved in interscholastic athletic practice and contest activities, we realize the risk may be severe, including serious physical injury and even death. In some cases, injury may occur during transportation to and from contests and events. We acknowledge that even with qualified coaching/advising, the use of adequate protective equipment, and strict observance of the rules, injuries are still a possibility.

DOCUMENTATION OF MHLT CO-CURRICULAR CODE AND INSURANCE WAIVER

We, (I) as parents(s)/legal guardian(s) have read all the information contained in the MHLT Activities Code and the MHLT Insurance Waiver and grant permission for our child to participate in the MHLT Activities Program and support our son/daughter's adherence to the expectations contained in the Activities Code. We (I) further agree that participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right.

The undersigned parent/guardian of _____ hereby informs MHLT that we have adequate insurance for protection of our child participating in student activities. We hereby assume responsibility for all injuries incurred by said child while participating in student activities, and do hereby waive any claim against Minocqua Joint School District #1 and do further hold the said Minocqua Joint School District #1 harmless from any claims, actions, or damages he/she might incur as a result of the participation of said child in student activities.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Student Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE TO YOUR COACH OR ADVISOR